



FOR THE 34th straight year, Santa and Mrs. Claus flew into Carmel Valley Airport from the North Pole Saturday. They were accompanied by Don Cummings, in the top hat, who was the pilot on the first trip and for many years afterward. Cummings was honored by being named grand marshal for Santa's parade down Carmel Valley Road. Skip Marquard has taken over for Cummings and was the pilot again this year. See back page for other photos.

Eisner Predicts Special Election Would Overturn Zoning Changes

By Isabelle Hall

Al Eisner, the catalyst behind a petition drive for an election on Carmel's controversial zoning changes, predicted he will easily get the required 403 signatures and that voters will overturn the City Council's 4-1 decision.

He called the council vote Dec. 7 "an act of appeasement to landlords and developers because they were being bullied with threats of recall and other kinds of intimidation, bellowing at council meetings the way Barney Laiolo did. It does not work to appease bullies. It only emboldens them."

Eisner said he based his predictions of victory "on my understanding of what the Carmel voters believe."

Asked to comment on the petition, Mayor Ken White said, "I think it's a shame that we can't allow the council after 2-1/2 years to make a decision. We did not accept the massive changes the Planning Commission proposed. We just made changes that people have been asking for for years. I am saddened that we would have to go to the expense of an election and the turmoil of dividing the community again."

The council gave second reading

to an ordinance moving the Central Commercial (CC) zone about one-half block south to Seventh Avenue to take in some 17 properties. Only Barbara Livingston dissented saying she would go along with a change in the CC zone boundary or a change in business uses but not both. Asked if she supported the petition, she said, "I haven't seen it and I wasn't involved in this in any way but I probably will sign it."

The council approved changes in the uses allowed in the Service Commercial (SC) area to include art galleries, antique stores, specialty food stores, arts and crafts, cigar and tobacco stores, tour operator offices and telemarketing. Antiques and specialty food stores still must get approval from the Planning Commission but the other uses are permitted if they meet certain standards. The changes take effect Jan. 7.

However, if a petition with 10 percent of the voters' signatures, or about 403 names, is turned in to City Clerk Jeanne Brehmer within the 30-day period before the ordinance takes effect, it will require repeal or

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Land Trust Raises Funds To Save Odello Farmland

By Stan Hall

With money from 20 private loans, the Big Sur Land Trust took an option to buy and preserve 134 acres at the mouth of the Carmel River for \$5.6 million, apparently ending the Odello family's 30-year struggle to develop its artichoke farm.

"I hope it's never my sad duty to turn over a spade of dirt for development on this farm," said Bruno Odello at an outdoor news conference on the farm Monday attended by an estimated 30 community and environmental leaders.

In an unusual deal, the land trust said it had raised \$1.35 million from the private lenders to "loan" to the Odellos to secure an option to buy their artichoke field east of Highway 1 for \$5.6 million. The option is good until June of 1994, the date of a planned statewide bond initiative which would provide money for the full purchase price if it is approved.

The announcement signalled the end of the Odellos' active efforts to develop the property which they began in 1962 and has seen them submit at least eight different proposals. Their most recent plan, conditionally approved by the Board of Supervisors last year but still a long way from being final, was scaled back sharply from earlier proposals and called for the development of 82 private home sites on the field lying between the Carmel River and the rising hills of the Fish Ranch.

In a statement, the land trust called the deal "a bargain sale," and Bruna Odello, sister-in-law of Bruno, told the crowd the family was willing to make a "sacrifice...for the public good."

Bruna Odello, who has been in the forefront of the family's effort to win approval to develop the farm, was asked if she had mixed emotions about the announcement. "Mixed emotions? Yes," she said, "but I'm pleased."

She told the *Sun* that it was she who called Brian Steen, executive director of the land trust, some 10 months ago to initiate the negotiations which led to the granting of the option.

"The timing is right," she told the crowd, which warmly applauded both her and her brother-in-law. An animated blonde, she attended the news conference wearing a bright aqua warmup suit.

Steen and Zad Leavy, general counsel for the land trust who arranged for the loans that raised the \$1.35 million, declined

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Flippo Proposes New Supe's Map To Commission

By Carolyn Rice

Trying to make a decision by Friday, District Attorney Dean Flippo proposed his own map Wednesday to a special redistricting commission, saying he didn't know it would put two supervisors' homes in each of two districts.

The chairman of a three-member commission appointed to try to solve the 21-month fight over redistricting after the 1990 census, Flippo's plan would:

- Create two Hispanic majority districts. District 1 would have a 64 percent majority, and District 3 a 60.8 percent majority, but it would grow to a 66.7 percent majority if the populations of Fort Ord and Soledad prison were removed.

- Join Carmel Valley in a fifth district including Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and part of Monterey.

- Establish a North County district minus Castroville, which would be in an essentially South County district.

Flippo became angry at a *Sun* reporter when told during a break that demographers had told her that his map would place both Supervisors Judy Pennycook and Barbara Shipnuck in District 2 and Supervisors Karin Strasser Kauffman and Sam Karas both in District 5.

"I don't know where anybody lives," he snapped, "and I don't want to be told."

Supervisors' efforts to create a new county map have been criticized as being influenced by the desire to protect incumbents.

Flippo said his plan would create a

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Shipnuck's In—Sylvia's Out

With Sylvia Panetta declaring she is not interested in succeeding her husband in Congress when he becomes the Clinton Administration's Budget Director, Second District Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck stepped into the race on a platform of health system reform.

Emphasizing her expertise in the area President-elect Bill Clinton has declared critical, Shipnuck announced from Washington she would hold a news conference Wednesday after the *Sun* went to press to formally declare. She was there attending a National Governors Association session called to draft a national policy statement on health system reform and cost containment.

Panetta will vacate the 17th congressional district seat to join the new ad-

ministration. Typical of many Democrats was the comment from Dick Heuer, a director of the water management district, who said, "Sylvia could have it if she'd wanted it."

In her press release, Shipnuck praised Panetta for focusing attention on the critical need for federal deficit reduction, saying, "A significant component of the federal deficit is the rapid escalation of health care costs. My recent work on this issue has helped to shape my decision to seek the office."

Moving quickly in the short period before the special election will be held, Shipnuck has established an office where the telephone is pertly answered, "Shipnuck for Congress Office."

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LETTERS

Red Cross Thanks the Community

The Carmel-by-the-Sea chapter of the American Red Cross extends its sincerest thanks to all those who helped make the 1992 Red Cross Disaster Relief Campaign such a huge success.

On a local level, your compassion and generosity helped the Carmel chapter raise more than \$36,000 for disaster relief.

The 1992 National Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund campaign raised more than \$153.8 million as of Nov. 12. Nearly \$95 million of the money provided desperately needed disaster relief to victims of Hurricane Andrew in Florida and Louisiana, Hurricane Iniki in Hawaii and Typhoon Omar in Guam.

In these areas alone, more than 16,000 Red Cross disaster relief workers, five of them from the Carmel area, served more than six-and-a-half million meals, sheltered 167,000 people and assisted more than 77,000 families. Workers also provided bulk distribution of relief supplies, mental health services and individual help with applying for federal disaster recovery assistance.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the volunteers and the staff of the Carmel Chapter, may I say a big thank you to the community of neighbors helping neighbors.

Lynette Balesteri, chapter manager
American Red Cross, Carmel chapter

To a Positive, Productive New Year

I would like to thank my friends and neighbors for their support throughout this last year.

Being an elected city official, I believe that listening to the residents, understanding the concerns of the business community and working together with staff, the various commissions and my fellow councilpersons will uphold the values that built our unique town. This is the key to solving problems.

It is my hope that together, we can create a positive and productive new year.

My wife, Star, joins me in wishing you all a happy holiday season.

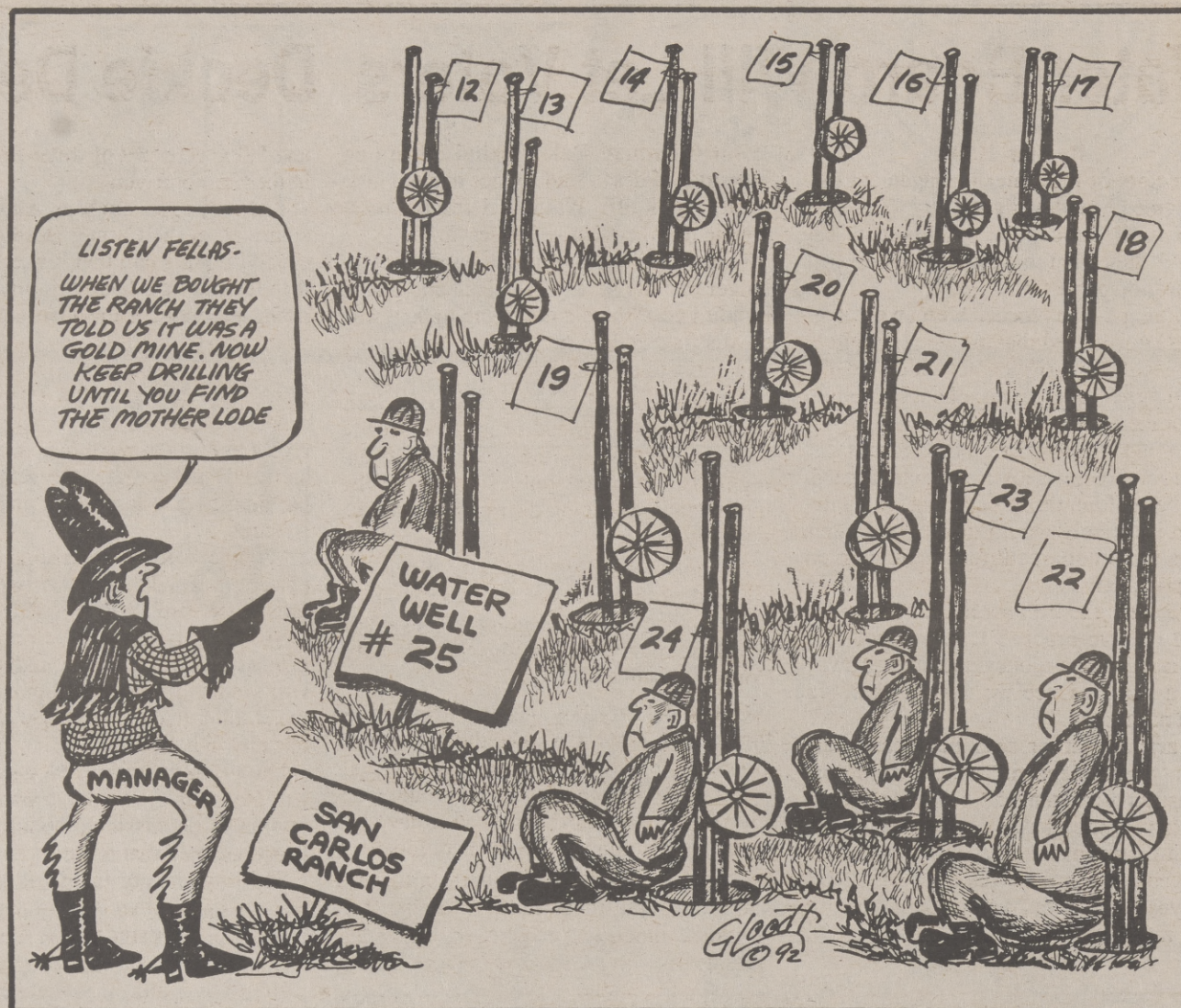
Phil Coniglio, Jr.
Carmel City Councilman

Sunset Center Is No Money-maker

I read with considerable surprise the Sunset Center Task Force's opinion that Sunset Center is a "money maker" for Carmel. According to the 1991-1992 budget, Sunset Center earned \$180,563 while expenses for the Community and Cultural Department were \$259,061. This equals a deficit of \$74,498 (and this doesn't include building maintenance, etc.) with staff salaries and benefits accounting for 85 percent of total expenses. Worst of all is the paltry amount spent on community programs: only \$5,090 in 1992-1993.

In fact, fees received by Sunset Center for "visual performing arts" events totaled only \$87,495 for the year. Even using Mayor White's "formula" that ticket buyers spend \$3 in the business district for every \$1 their ticket costs, the figures suggest Sunset Center events account for at most 2 percent of our total retail sales and only some \$35,000 in added sales tax revenues. All totaled, Sunset Center is a money loser.

Mayor White keeps talking how much sales tax revenue Sunset Center ticket holders generate for the city, but the General Plan discourages evening commercial uses when most performances take place. Sort of a bureaucratic Catch-22. When businesses wanted evening hours or expanded uses, Cultural Commission Chairman Linda Anderson and others argued that such "intensification" of use violated our



General Plan. How can these same people turn around and propose intensification of Sunset Center which is located not 50 feet from the R-1 district? Isn't this the height of hypocrisy? The General Plan is not a political football, but rather must be applied to all projects—public and private.

And while I agree the contributions to society from the arts cannot be measured in dollars, such are the facts of public finance. The cold facts are that cities must balance their budgets, and cultural centers lose money—they require taxpayer support. But is it fair to increase taxpayer subsidies to cultural buildings—not even programs—when other needed public services are being cut. This question cannot be ignored.

This last point is best illustrated when Mayor White and Councilmember Fischer observed that asking questions about Sunset Center is premature. These two elected officials participated in most—if not all—of the council's budget decisions which have caused staff layoffs, cuts in library and other services and higher fees to our residents, many of whom live on fixed incomes and can't afford more taxes. It seems Ken White and Bob Fischer didn't ask enough questions—let alone the right questions—before voting to spend over \$10 million of our tax dollars and reserves which led to our current financial crisis.

Howard Nieman, Jr.
Carmel

Shocked at Livingston's Stand on Tree

I hope Councilmember Barbara Livingston plans on paying the city's legal costs and holding the taxpayers harmless from lawsuits filed by people who are denied the right to remove dangerous trees from their property. It is only a matter of time before the city is sued and will become liable for damages. As a taxpayer, this deeply disturbs me.

I was shocked to read in the *Sun* (Dec. 10) that Mrs. Livingston believes residents must not be allowed to remove trees which are causing damage to their homes and property. This amounts to a taking of private property for which the city—or in this case, Mrs. Livingston—is liable for damages. Why should a property owner be forced by the city to pay thousands of dollars in damages caused by falling trees or root damage just because Mrs. Livingston places greater value on trees than personal safety and property values, let alone the risk of being sued by others. This makes no sense at all.

To deny a resident the use of one's home is contrary to every principle of fairness and community. We all have the right to enjoy our homes without fear that a tree will fall down and perhaps injure the property owner or neighbors.

And who will want to plant new trees? I suspect few will cooperate as long as the City Council refuses to practice safe forestry which reflects the needs of people. After all, one can always plant a replacement tree as the city did at First Murphy Park when it cut down six nice pines to make way for the park. If the city can cut down its own trees at will, why don't residents merit the same consideration? The city should not hold itself above the law.

I hope Councilmember Livingston will share with us her views on this subject and for a change put herself in the position of the taxpayer and property owner facing these kind of damages.

Jane Nieman
Carmel

Don't Sign the Zoning Petition

In the interest of honesty, fair play and a more unified Carmel community in the new year, I would like to urge all citizens to think twice before they sign any petitions presented at the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office or elsewhere.

Recently, Mr. Al Eisner has announced to the media that he and others will be circulating a petition calling for a referendum to overturn commercial zoning changes adopted by the Carmel City Council. Mr. Eisner's bias against Carmel business and common sense zoning is puzzling since for years he made a fine living off these same business men and women.

What is even stranger is that Mr. Eisner has only become a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea in recent weeks. He did not take the time to be present at the many public hearings regarding zoning conducted over a two and one-half year period.

Scare tactics, distortion of facts, jealousy and pettiness are harmful and seem out of place in this beautiful town. At a time when the city had so many serious problems, fiscal and otherwise, isn't it time to use common sense and work together? How many political footballs tossed back and forth do we really need.

Mr. Eisner and his small group, apparently a spin-off of the Carmel Residents Association, may relish their political game-playing, but if concerned residents want the true facts, they might consider contacting City Attorney Don Freeman or Mayor Ken White for illumination rather than being manipulated by people who do not seem to have the best interests of Carmel at heart.

Sharon Lawrence
Carmel

Recalling Other National Leaders

With Leon Panetta's appointment, we are reminded of other Monterey County legislators who achieved national prominence. This includes Robert Nimmo, state senator who became head of the Veterans Administration, and Assemblywoman Carol Hallett, now U. S. Customs Commissioner. Rep. Burt Talcott became associate deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration. A forgotten name is that of B. C. Whiting, who served in 1854-1855. He became U. S. District Attorney for the Southern District of California.

Among elected officials, the prize goes to Monterey Assemblyman Ellis Patterson, lieutenant governor of California in 1938. My favorite remains Selim Woodworth, who 120 years after representing Monterey County in the state senate, rose to become a commodore in the Civil War in 1861.

E. C. Davis
Pacific Grove

See page 18 for more letters.

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Water Board Will Let Voters Decide Desal Plant Issue

By Stan Hall

Directors of the water management district agreed Monday night to try to hold an election in June so residents can say whether they want to authorize a proposed desalination plant.

In voting 5-1 to proceed with an election, they acknowledged that timing was tight to try to get all the jurisdictions within the district to agree on creating a benefit zone to pay for the desal plant.

They also heard a lone but vigorous dissent from director Dick Heuer who argued, as he has before, that proceeding with a desal project likely would doom subsequent efforts to win approval for a new dam on the Carmel River.

"A dam is the best solution," Heuer declared. "If we proceed with a desal vote now, it will drain money and energy away from a dam.... Once we have a dam, we won't need desal."

He argued that the desal plant could turn into a "white elephant" which could cost the district's residents \$3.5 million a year, even if it is mothballed. Saying prospects looked better than ever for getting a dam, he urged the board to wait on a desal vote for a year, saying the district should have a good reading on the dam's prospects by then.

But Chairman Dale Hekhuis, a strong supporter of desal, said, "Once again, I hear 'wait... put it off.' Waiting, deferring, postponing may be what we're best at."

He said the water management district no longer had the luxury of debate and that if it didn't act, "there's not going to be a water district. People are asking, 'When are you going to do your job?'"

On a motion by Vice Chairman Ken Long, members agreed to try to be ready with an election on the issue during the regularly scheduled June 8 vote with the understanding that the district might not be ready by then.

A number of citizens urged the district to proceed with its plans for desalination. Only a couple of dissenting voices were heard from the floor of the Seaside City Council Chambers.

One was Larry Foy, general manager of the Cal-Am Water Co., who did not oppose either the election or desal directly, but noted water from a desal plant would cost \$15,000 an acre foot compared to the present cost of around \$1,700 an acre foot.

Foy also said there were alternate sources of additional water available that would be much less expensive, citing the Seaside and Fort Ord groundwater basins

and 5,000 acre feet of water from aquifer 4 in the Carmel River.

But witnesses such as Alan Williams, chairman of the Carmel Development Co., echoed Long's call that it was "time to put it in the public's hands" in the first authorizing election in the district's nearly 15 year history.

"We need a solution now," Williams argued. "People need to be able to vote." He urged the district to use its staff aggressively to "get the word out" to city councils and civic groups that the relative cost of building both a desal plant and a new dam is small.

"People need to understand that the two projects will add only \$15 per bill" to future water costs, Williams said.

In urging aggressive efforts to sell the project to both citizens and jurisdictions within the district, Williams said: "The worst thing that could happen would be for one city to opt out."

Under questioning, General Manager Jim Cofer acknowledged many questions remain to be answered about what would happen should that occur.

The total cost of the desal project never became much of an issue in the discussion, but Cofer has estimated it will be around \$35 million.

Heuer and fellow director Fran Farina focused on the plant's projected high operating and maintenance costs, however.

Rather than spending money on desal, Heuer argued that the water district would be better served by spending \$2 million on an aggressive program to encourage retrofitting of water-using devices, especially by businesses that typically do not change hands often. The district has an ordinance on its books requiring installation of low flush toilets when property sells.

Declaring the board was being "free and generous with the people's money," Heuer said a retrofit program would buy

permanent benefits instead of a white elephant.

"Desal will kill the dam," he said, adding that the desal plant would mostly provide water for "growth that most people don't want to see."

He added that "the dam hasn't looked better since I've been on the board. Six months later (after the proposed election) we'll have a good idea on whether we'll get the permits for the dam."

Cofer agreed that by the spring of 1994, the district should have a good idea whether it would get a critical 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers for its proposed new 24,000-acre-foot Los Padres reservoir.

Heuer pressed the question of whether in scheduling an election, the board would be taking a position advocating approval of the desal plant.

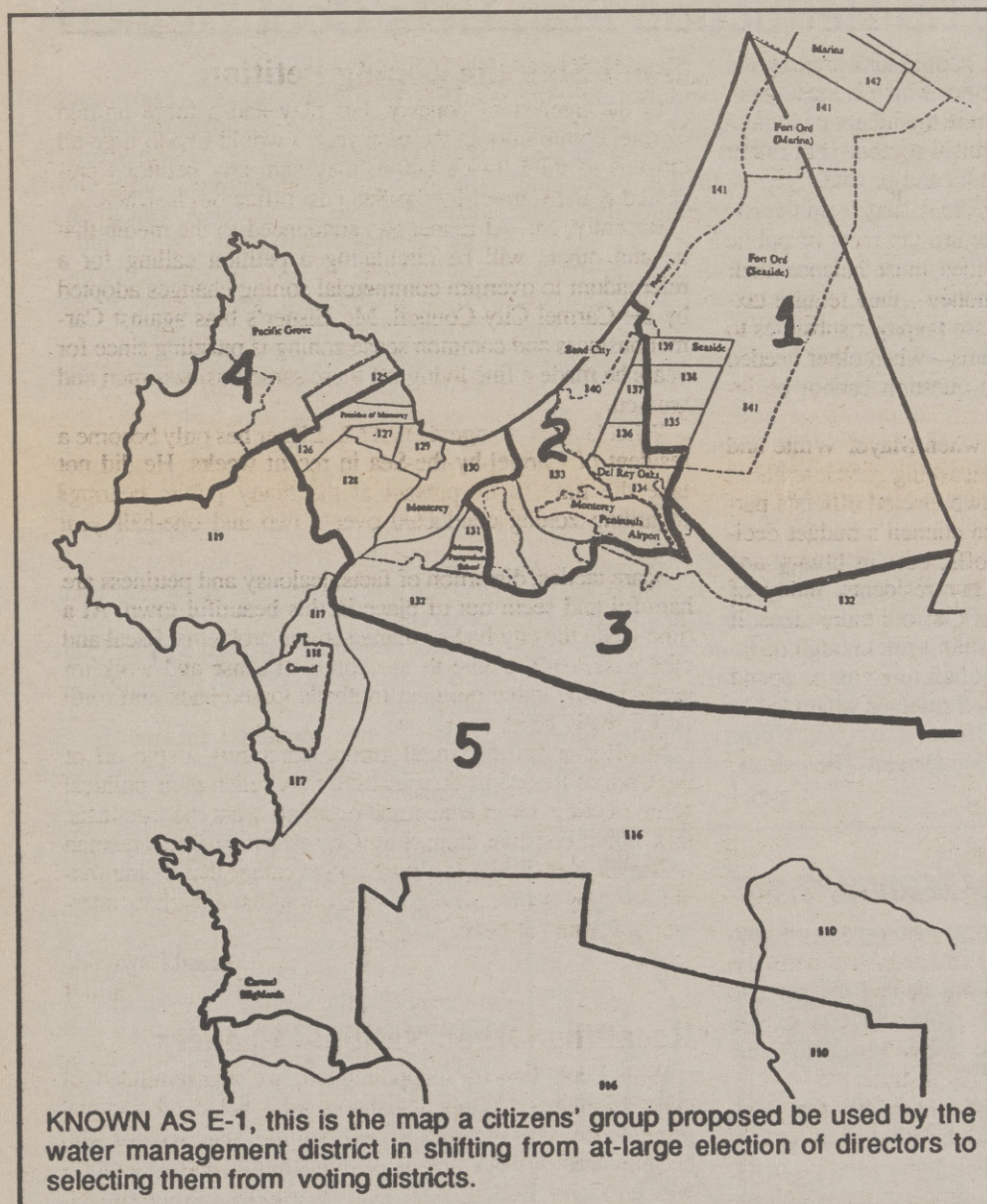
Hekhuis said it was time to "face up to bringing a project to the public for a vote. It's (the desal plan) well defined and well described.. We'll let them (the public) decide." Earlier in the evening, the board had accepted a final environmental impact report on a desal project located in Seaside.

Long interjected that he would recommend a yes vote.

With that, Hekhuis agreed, "It's time to step up to the bar and tell them what we think is appropriate. I don't want to be a part of any eunuch organization."

Director Jim Hughes said while he favored going ahead, he wanted the district "to take the time to do it right. Hopefully, they'll (the public) make an educated decision. We'll have to live with it... But we just can't keep spinning our wheels."

Farina commented that if the district advocated approval of the desal project in the election, "I'm going to have a problem with that." But in the end she went along with the majority in directing the staff to plan on and prepare for a June vote if possible.



Citizens Groups Propose Voting, Finance Plans to Water District

Two citizen advisory committees presented the results of their work to the water management district Monday night—proposals for paying for new water projects and electing directors from voting districts rather than at-large.

The board accepted the plans without much discussion and scheduled subsequent meetings to consider them in detail, but it was clear that some of the suggestions will prove controversial.

Architect Paul Davis, a former member of the water district board himself, presented the recommendations of a 12-member finance advisory committee.

It recommended that a proposed desalination plant be financed 50 percent by user fees and 50 percent by new connection charges. It proposed that 79 percent of the cost of a new dam should be financed by

user fees and 21 percent by new connection charges.

Davis, the chairman of the group which met four times, also said it proposed that new connection fee charges should be based on a \$20,565 per acre foot cost of water, raised from the present \$14,661 acre foot in three steps.

Kip Hudson, who served as facilitator and non-voting chair of the voter district advisory group, reported its 21 members endorsed the idea of switching to elections by voter districts. Seaside Mayor Lance McClair had complained the present at-large elections had allowed Carmel, Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach residents to dominate the board's membership.

Hudson offered the board three proposed districting maps approved by her

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SHERIFF'S LOG

VILLAGE. A woman reported seeing a juvenile looking in the window of her Carmel Valley Road home; she said she didn't know whether he was a friend of her son's. 12/7.

VALLEY. Carmel Valley Manor reported he had received allegations that an employee had exposed himself to two nurses' aides. 12/7.

VALLEY. A man who lives on Schulte Road said he wanted to report embezzlement by an employee of Outback Ranch, but did not want to prosecute. 12/7.

Bedroom Window Shot

CARMEL. A man reported a bedroom window of his home on Atherton was shot with a pellet gun. A deputy said there were no suspects. 12/7.

CACHAGUA. A woman said someone entered her corral and took her horse. An investigating deputy said it may have been taken by a co-owner. 12/7.

VILLAGE. A Carmel Valley man was charged with DUI after being seen leaving the Running Iron and driving erratically westbound on Carmel Valley Road. 12/7.

VILLAGE. A deputy on foot patrol found an open door at Giles Photography Studio, but nothing was amiss. 12/7.

Camper Vandalized Again

CARMEL. A man who lives on Mesa Drive reported the window had been broken in his camper for the second time in two weeks. 12/8.

CARMEL RANCHO. An assistant manager at Albertsons reported having a juvenile in custody for shoplifting; he was cited. 12/8.

VALLEY. A man reported a neighbor's dog came into his garage on Fawn Court and knocked over 20-25 orchid plants. He said he did not want to prosecute, but just put the incident on record. 12/8.

VALLEY. The secretary at the Baptist Church on Carmel Valley Road said she was frightened when a man knocked on the door asking for a place to sleep. A deputy said the man, from Illinois, had run out of funds. 12/8.

CARMEL RANCHO. A deputy on foot patrol found an open door at Kremer Consultants, but nothing was amiss. 12/8.

CARMEL RANCHO. A deputy on foot patrol found an open door at Carmel Rancho Cafe, but nothing was amiss. 12/8.

Ranch Trespassing Reported

VALLEY. The owner of Berta Ranch reported trucks were trespassing on his property. Two Carmel Valley men, contacted by a deputy, said they had been "4-wheeling" when one of the trucks broke down. 12/8.

CARMEL RANCHO. An employee at the Christmas tree lot at Brinton's said he

had been threatened by a Carmel man who said he would vandalize the trees. 12/10.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Oak Wood Circle reported getting into an altercation with another motorist at the security gate at Carmel Valley Ranch Resort. 12/10.

Restaurant Loses Cash

CARMEL RANCHO. Robata Restaurant reported that money had been taken from a desk drawer some time in the past three weeks. A deputy said there were no suspects. 12/11.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on Esquiline Road reported he had stopped a vehicle whose driver was reckless. Contacted by a deputy, the driver said the man had hit him in the eye. 12/11.

VILLAGE. On an anonymous tip, a deputy found an intoxicated man in the Village Center rest room. 12/11.

Plane Missing

BIG SUR. The Civil Air Patrol in San Jose reported an unconfirmed report of a plane down near Pine Ridge Trail; a plane later was reported missing on a flight from Santa Barbara to San Jose, but no wreckage was located immediately. 12/12.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Sage Mountain Road reported she was frightened by two men in a white Ford stationwagon who tried to get her to stop her car on Carmel Valley Road and Cachagua Grade. 12/12.

Car Engine Stolen

VILLAGE. A man reported the theft of a 1963 Volvo engine out of his storage shed on Carmel Valley Road. 12/12.

CACHAGUA. The Cachagua Volunteer Fire Company reported the theft of 75 sacks of aluminum cans volunteers had collected. They were valued at \$300. 12/12.

CARMEL RANCHO. A clerk at Albertsons said someone driving a dark blue Ford pickup had taken a Christmas tree from in front of the store without paying for it. 12/12.

LAURELES GRADE. A man reported finding a cash register behind his house; deputies said it had been taken in a burglary in Salinas and was returned to its owner. 12/13.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on Southbank reported he accidentally backed into his neighbor's car on 12/12 while backing out of his driveway; he was told to inform the CHP. 12/13.



EVEN INFANTS CAME OUT to examine the Carmel Highlands Fire Department Saturday at its annual Christmas Open House. Firemen gave a demonstration of their "Jaws" tool, a device that can saw off the top of a car to free a person trapped inside, and showed off their equipment. Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

From the Supervisors Trip Reduction Plan Gets Cool Welcome

Continually expressing skepticism, the Board of Supervisors went through the motions Tuesday to approve plans for relieving congestion on seven roads and adopted a draft trip reduction ordinance (TRO) that is critical to making the plans work.

"I'm not convinced they're going to work," said Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman of the TRO, which like the deficiency plans for the roads are required by state mandate.

In approving a boilerplate draft TRO, the board also adopted a resolution of intent to draft a final ordinance before an April deadline established by the state.

The plans for relieving highway congestion included one for Highway 1 at Carmel Valley Road and the short stretch of Carmel Valley Road between Highway 1 and Carmel Rancho Boulevard. There was nothing new in those plans.

Strasser Kauffman asked Director Gerald Gromko of the County Public Works Department "How long of a breather does

this plan provide?"

He replied that if the TRO does succeed in reducing single-occupant auto trips, the relief might last as long as two years. The final TRO, when adopted, will include provisions to force large employers to aggressively promote car-pooling and other alternatives to the private automobile. Those include bus service and increased facilities for bicyclists.

The deficiency plans and the TRO both were mandated by Proposition 111, which was approved by state voters in 1990 as integral components of a mandated congestion management program (CMP). The proposition also approved a total increase in the state gasoline tax of 9 cents a gallon, but Strasser Kauffman said the money was proving insufficient to fund the program.

"Are we going through a paper exercise here?" Strasser Kauffman asked Gromko at one point.

"No," he replied, saying he was optimistic that the TRO could be successful.

Strasser Kauffman replied that she had encountered "a lot of skepticism from the cities, which I share, by the way."

"The bottom line is money," Gromko said. "Failure to comply will cost the cities and county a considerable amount of money. For the county, it would be about \$20 million over 10 years. That's a definite inducement to comply and actually make an impact on air quality and traffic reduction."

Strasser Kauffman complained the funds the county has received from the proposition have gone to the new Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) "creating a bureaucracy." "We've just gotten started," said Gromko, who is executive director of TAMC. "Let's be patient for a little while."

Supervisor Sam Karas, saying that "78 percent of the people said they would never ride a bus," had his own answer to trip reduction.

Citing the carpool lane on Highway 101 in San Jose, where he said there were very few vehicles, Karas said the way to force people out of their automobiles was "don't fix the roads. Don't build any more freeways. Get everybody all clogged up."

A final TRO would require all businesses with 50 or more employees to reduce the number of auto trips for commuting by 1.6 percent or to limit the number of employees driving to work alone to 60 percent. Businesses failing to try to comply could be fined.

Strasser Kauffman, calling the mandate "unpopular," said the county needs to make information available to businesses about

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Redistricting Will Be Expensive

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deviation of 15 percent among the five proposed districts. He said it would require a 32 percent deviation to give all the interests what they wanted in a new map, adding he did not think the court would accept that.

After Flippo disclosed his plan, the commission adjourned until 9 a.m. Friday to give Hispanics, North County residents and the cities of Seaside and Marina time to study it. They have been the principal opponents of past redistricting plans, forcing postponement of elections in three of the districts for at least a year.

The commission was told Tuesday the year-long fuss over redistricting could cost the county \$2 million if the county's own plan is adopted and later proven to be racially discriminatory.

If the county loses its case, it would have to pay attorney fees for Seaside and Marina and for legal representation of an Hispanic group. John E. McDermott, an attorney for Seaside and Marina, said, "It would cost the county \$2 million in attorney fees. It has already cost the county in excess of \$400,000."

But an attorney for North Monterey County residents said he believes the claims of the risk to the county were inflated.

The three-man commission appointed by the supervisors in a day-long session heard descriptions of various redistricting plans, looked at a brand new plan, a recently modified plan and heard from 19 citizens. Twenty-eight citizens attended the afternoon public hearing. The commission's time to finish its work has been extended by the supervisors until Dec. 31.

Laden with stacks of information on redistricting, District Attorney Dean Flippo, County Clerk Ernest Maggini and County Assessor Bruce Reeves decided to break for a day before meeting again Wednesday to attempt to digest the information and obtain some more demographic information.

But Bill Daniels, an attorney for North County residents said, "I think the claims of the risks you are exposing the county to have been inflated. The tendency is very strong to do what's safe here," Daniels said. "To do that may compromise other values which are important."

Daniels said he thought U.S. District Court Judge William Ingram looked at the Sept. 4 plan and concluded "somehow I'm not able to consider the plan worthy of the county."

A court decision on redistricting filed Dec. 8 in San Jose by Judge Ingram left attorneys arguing before the commission as to what he meant.

"Three attorneys have three opinions on what the judge said," Flippo said.

Joaquin Avila, an attorney for the Hispanics, said the judge has expressed a preference for his Sept. 4 plan which connects North and South County, creates two super-majority Hispanic districts and keeps Seaside and Marina together. The plan takes a bite out of Carmel Valley, putting it into two districts.

Allan Sandstrum, Carmel Valley

Property Owners Association president, said the Sept. 4 plan is like a "shark attack in the middle of the valley." He said an area from Miramonte Road to Rancho Fiesta Road would be separated from the rest of the valley.

Fran Farina, a Valley resident and Monterey Peninsula Water District board member, said the valley falls under the Carmel Valley Master Plan and asked the commission to keep it together rather than "siphoning off land and people into another district." If the valley is divided into two districts, two supervisors would be overseeing the master plan, she said.

Daniels, who represented the Monterey County Committee for Fair Representation, a group of North County residents, said the judge's decision gave the county a chance to reconsider the competing interests in the case. The North County residents object to the area being coupled with South County in a map proposed by Avila.

"The plans which join North and South County are similar to the plan the voters rejected," Daniels said. On Nov. 3 citizens voted 2-1 against approval of a plan adopted by the supervisors in April.

Several attorneys and citizens who spoke during the day said the ballot measure was not understood well by the voters, and people tend to vote no on a measure they do not understand.

Flippo, who chairs the commission, asked a number of times throughout the day whether the districts could be drawn with populations which have a larger than 10 percent deviation and thereby accommodate more of the interest groups.

The county's demographer, Shelley Lapkoff, has said the ideal district size is 71,132 population. All the maps drawn by the demographers have districts with less than a 10 percent deviation in population. In the currently existing districts, there is a 29 percent population variation.

Flippo said in other parts of the country the courts have allowed districts to be drawn with greater than 10 percent population variations to meet requirements of the Voting Rights Act. He suggested it might be possible to keep North County as a unit, keep Seaside and Marina together and create two Hispanic majority districts if the 10 percent population deviation in population were not adhered to.

The commission decided Flippo would meet with Lapkoff before the Wednesday meeting. Flippo said he wanted to explore increasing the population deviation percentage and examine a new map presented by Glenn Church, a Watsonville resident. Church described his map as a compromise plan which creates 67 and 61 percent Latino majorities, turns South Salinas into a gerrymandered jigsaw and puts four incumbents into two districts.

"I don't think we're bound to any map," Flippo said.

Avila's Sept. 4 plan has Hispanic majorities of 66.9 percent in District One and 62.7 percent in District Three. Avila said the plan, for which Judge Ingram expressed

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Pinney Named President Of Carmel School Board

By Carolyn Rice

Frank Pinney of Big Sur was elected president of the Carmel Unified School District which faces overcrowding and a need to replace equipment and spruce up facilities in the coming year.

Pinney, first elected to the board in 1989, was chosen by fellow board members at a meeting Dec. 10. He succeeds Hilton Bialek of Carmel who was named board clerk. Pinney has two girls, Jessica and Aryanna, attending Carmel High School.

The board unanimously approved formation of a school facilities committee which Superintendent Vance Baldwin hopes will start meeting in January and develop a plan for the board to consider before the end of the school year.

Baldwin said classroom space is at a premium, school facilities need refurbishing and equipment needs to be replaced.

Tularcitos Principal Karin Camilli said kindergarten parents were recently surveyed at her school to determine if they would be willing to send students to an afternoon session. Eighty-six kindergarten students are being taught in three classrooms one of which is an undersized classroom, she said.

The school has decided not to disrupt the students by changing their schedule at this point in the year but will hire two more aides so the adult/pupil ratio can be lowered, Camilli said. She explained later that she does not have an exact figure for that ratio because the three kindergarten teachers are supplemented by five parttime aides who work at various times during a particular class. None are fulltime.

Also, Camilli said the school facility committee will look at what can be done next year if the school continues to have

such a large kindergarten enrollment. Camilli said some parents who responded to the survey said they would be willing to have their children attend an afternoon session and others asked the school to go ahead and do what was best for the students. "I would like to have some alternatives in place by next year," Camilli said.

The district owns land near Scarlett Road in mid Valley which could be sold and another parcel near the Carmel Middle School which could be used for school expansion. "The district-owned property is an asset that should be properly utilized," Baldwin said in a memo. He said the sites could be used or disposed of.

Baldwin said the school facilities committee members will include parents, staff, a board member, students and citizens from the community.

The school district has attempted three parcel tax elections to gain funds for school improvements, but each failed Baldwin noted. "Every school has needs," Baldwin said. He said the district has taken a "get-by" approach.

Baldwin said he would like the facilities committee to develop a long-term plan which establishes priorities and focuses on available resources for use in paying for improvements.

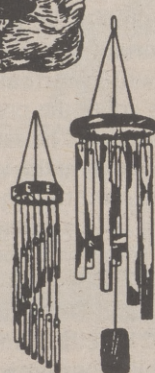
The facilities committee also will be looking at research done by Enshallah, a San Jose consulting firm, on the relocation of River School, Baldwin said. The school board hired the private company to find out if River School could be sold and a new school built with the proceeds. Baldwin said he will ask Enshallah representatives to work with the school facilities committee so they are aware of information gathered.

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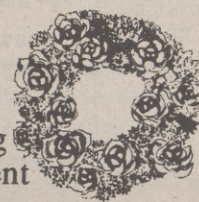
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20 People Contribute to Loan for Odello Artichoke Land

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to provide a list of the contributors. They said three of the lenders asked to remain anonymous, so they decided not to release any of the names. In their statement, they said the loans came from "local residents and other conservation leaders," adding that the deal "relies on both private and public funds." Leavy said the loans ranged in size from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Calling the loan deal "creative and unique," Leavy later told the *Sun* how it would work. He said if the Odello's land is purchased, "in the same escrow, they will repay the loan" from the proceeds.

He said it was "a very favorable loan"—5 percent interest, no interest payments until maturity and no points.

"The Odellos needed cash," he said, "and this provides it tax free because it's a loan," he said. He added the lenders who put up the \$1.35 million would receive no interest until the loan matured.

In his remarks, Leavy noted the land trust had first approached the Odellos in 1980 to see if they would sell the property. He called the \$5.6 million purchase price "considerably below fair market value."

Steen was asked if the land trust would pursue its efforts to purchase and preserve the farm should the 1994 bond initiative being planned by the Planning and Conservation League fail.

"Yes, if the bond issue cannot succeed, we will try to find any way we can to preserve this property."

Leavy said the field still "could be subject to development... But I'm optimistic that this is the first step toward maintaining it as permanent open space and farmland."

The Odellos, who started farming the land as renters in 1924 and later purchased it, will continue to grow artichokes on the east field until 1994 and possibly even afterwards, Bruna Odello said.

"We don't know how it will all work out in the future," she said.

The Odellos once owned the 155-acre artichoke field west of Highway 1, but it was purchased by the state with the help of a private group, Our Land Acquisition Fund (OLAF), in the early 1970s. Now owned by the State Parks and Recreation Department, it is leased back to the Odellos for artichoke production. That sale was for \$1.7 million.

Leavy said he anticipated that if the land trust were successful in buying the east field, it too would be turned over to the State Parks Department and maintained as farmland.

Skip Lloyd, a lawyer who was president of the private group which spearheaded the purchase of the west field, paid special tribute to former State Senator Fred Farr who attended the news conference. "He led the way in preservation. (He) was an environmentalist before the public caught the bug and before it was a politically

correct position."

He also praised the Odellos, calling the family "a pillar of this community in so many ways." Without the Odellos' willingness to sell the land for preservation, "We would not be here celebrating this important step in preserving what we consider as our heritage," Lloyd said.

Calling it "a day of bright hope," Bruno Odello said "how fortunate we are" that the area is basically unchanged since the time he used to walk to classes at the little Bay School at Monastery Beach about a mile south of the farm.

"We're basically conservationists and preservationists at heart," he said. He also called the farm "the gateway to Big Sur."

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman said the bond issue being planned for 1994 was similar to Proposition 70 which now provides \$25 million a year for preservation in Monterey County.

She said properties statewide to be purchased with funds from the new bond issue were now being identified including "several in this area, Odello being one of them."

"This is a better resolution (of the controversy over use of the Odello property) than any that has been proposed in the past," she said. She said it was important because it provided for the protection of the environment while also protecting property rights.

Strasser Kauffman emphasized that those wishing to preserve the Odello field must be prepared to campaign hard for the bond issue's approval. "It must be a top priority for Monterey County and for myself," she said.

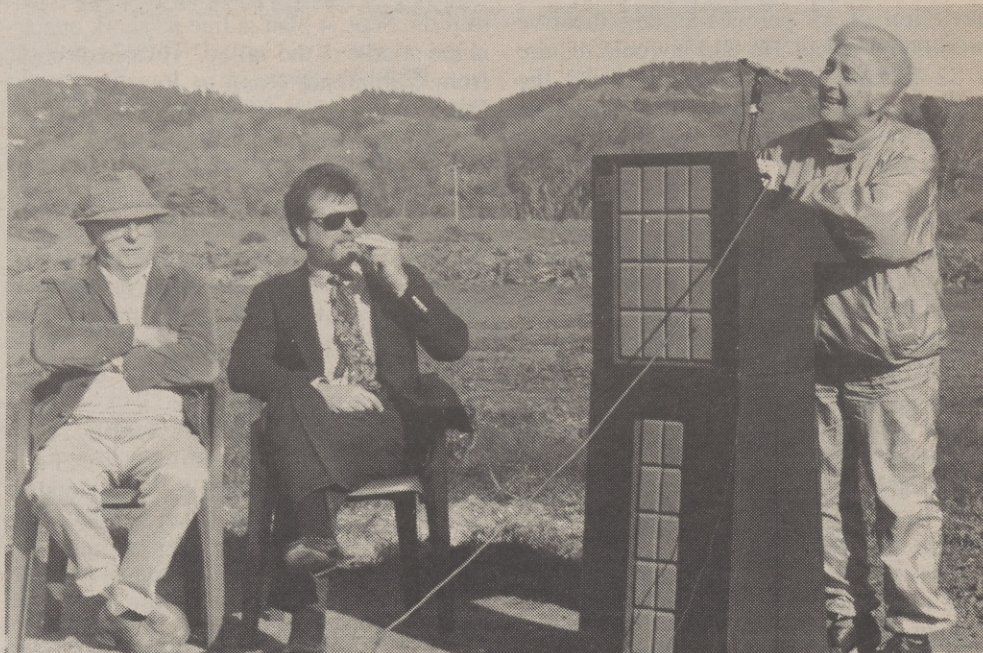
Steen added that the Big Sur Land Trust will launch a fundraising drive after the holidays to raise campaign money and also to help meet its expenses for the Odello deal. He said they would include \$15,000 for an appraisal and about \$100,000 in legal fees.

He said the Odellos will seek to extend their development permit for a subdivision until the June, 1994 vote, but would not actively pursue the development in that period.

He said they might revive it if the 1994 vote failed and other ways of purchasing the property could not be found. "Now that we have gone public, we hope other conservation supporters who believe in saving this property will contribute to the land trust to help us cover the costs we will incur in this transaction," he said.

With Bruna Odello in the lead, the family has campaigned hard to win permission to develop the east field against strong public sentiment that some way should be found to preserve it.

The Carmel Land Use Plan would allow as many as 162 dwelling units on the 134 acres, but as objections grew stronger, particularly over traffic congestion, the



BRUNA ODELLO expresses her satisfaction that her family's artichoke field on the east side of Highway 1 at the Carmel River is in line to be preserved as open farmland. She spoke at a news conference held by the Big Sur Land Trust Monday. Watching are Brian Steen, executive director to the land trust, and Bruno Odello, her brother-in-law. Below is a file photo looking south which shows where the proposed 82-lot subdivision would have gone. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*



Odellos scaled back their plans.

In the fall of 1990, the family stunned the County Planning Commission—and subsequently won conditional approval from the supervisors—after they dropped plans for a 23,000-square foot commercial-agricultural center, Grange hall, restaurant, farmer's market and visitor's center.

Bruna Odello has lived on the farm since 1947 when she married Giuseppe Odello. For 11 years, they lived in a faded, little yellow house in a row of red houses for Mexican workers who tend the fields. She was widowed in 1974 when Giuseppe died of a heart attack, but she and her brother-in-law continued to operate the farm.

CV Road Fees Win Final Board Okay

Supervisors gave final approval Tuesday to a schedule of development fees designed to raise money for improvements on Carmel Valley Road, rejecting a last ditch appeal that Cachagua residents shouldn't have to pay them.

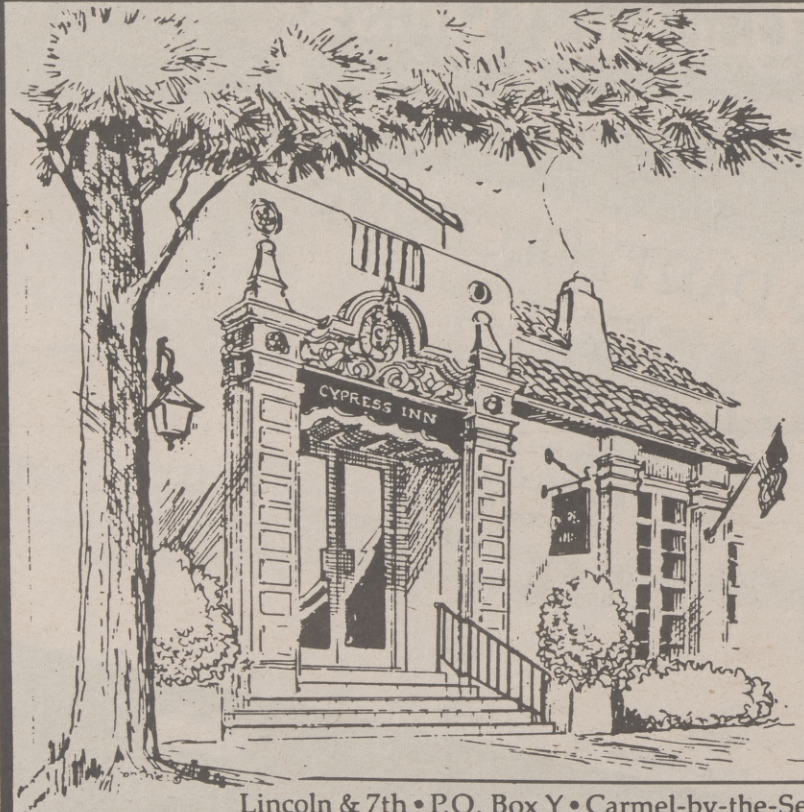
Chairwoman Karin Strasser Kauffman said the board's action was needed to clean up the language and clarify details of decisions the board made Aug. 25 in response to a so-called trigger provision in the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

Stressing that it was an interim solution which would only be effective for a year, supervisors voted 3-0 for the fees. Existing lots of record in the master plan area must pay \$5,100, while new lots of record will be charged \$13,800. Cachagua and Rancho San Carlos, which are not in the master plan area, would be charged half of that.

Ileen Crane-Franks of Cachagua, a real estate agent in Carmel Valley Village, challenged the action, charging that the board had failed to show as required by law a direct relationship between use of the road by Cachagua residents and tripping of the master plan's trigger mechanism.

County Counsel Doug Holland attempted to respond, but apparently did not understand her position. Finally, he said simply that the establishment of the areas to be charged under the ordinance was up to "the discretion of this legislative body."

The fee schedule calls for hotels and motels to pay \$15,000 for each new unit and commercial users \$3,600 for each 12,000 square feet. Money from the fees would help pay for a series of so-called improvements to Carmel Valley Road to reduce traffic congestion.



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One 200 GPM Producer Ranch's Drilling Results Discussed

Directors of the water management district sat in rapt attention Monday night as their senior hydrologist presented a preliminary report on Rancho San Carlos' exploratory drilling—35 wells so far to find just one that will produce as much as 200 gallons per minute.

Joe Oliver said the exploration on the 20,000 acre ranch was concentrating on deep bedrock formations that would have less effect on the Carmel River basin than surface water flows.

He told the directors he was working from a preliminary 20-page summary of the drilling program that had been prepared by the ranch's consultant.

The owners of the ranch are seeking to create 350 home sites, a small commercial center, and a hotel and golf course on the property which makes up most of the south side of Carmel Valley.

Directors pressed Oliver, asking if any larger capacity wells had been discovered. He said 88 percent of the 35 wells produced more than 1 gallon per minute (GPM) and 50 percent pumped more than 10 GPM.

He added that not many of the wells produced more than 30 or 40 GPM, and one pumped "around 200 GPM."

"They have not done all the testing they want to," Oliver said. But he added that on the basis of the preliminary report, the wells drilled so far seemed to have production capacity lower than the ranch's owners would hope.

Chairman Dale Hekhuis asked if Oliver expected the ranch eventually to share the well logs with the water district "so we can make an adequate appraisal?"

"Yes, I do," Oliver responded, noting that he was scheduled to meet later this week with the consultant to get more detailed information.

Director Dick Heuer commented that Tom Gray, managing partner of the ranch which was purchased in 1990 for \$70 million, had told him that \$3 million already had been spent on the exploration program.

When Oliver displayed a map showing the location of the wells, director Fran Farina asked if it was his or if it had been prepared by Rancho San Carlos. He said it was the ranch's, but "local public agencies" had copies available.

A number of the directors suggested the public at large would want to see the drilling results, especially when they were more complete.

As for surface water, Oliver said only about 10 percent of Rancho San Carlos lies within the water management district boundaries, but he said five creeks drain

from it into the Carmel River basin. He identified them as San Clemente Creek, Hitchcock Canyon, Garzas Creek, Robinson Canyon and Potrero Creek.

"In a normal year, these five creeks contribute around 11,000 acre feet of runoff to the Carmel River, or just under 20 percent of the total flow at the ocean," Oliver said.

"Water on the Brain"

Hydrologist Joe Oliver misspoke when he began a presentation on Rancho San Carlos' exploratory well drilling program at the water management district board meeting.

Rather than saying 200,000 acre Rancho San Carlos, he said, "20,000 acre feet Rancho San Carlos."

"I've got water on the brain," Oliver said to the crowd's laughter.



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Carmel Girls Win Tourney, Go to 7-1

The Carmel High School girl's basketball team won the fifth annual Pacific Grove Breakers Classic tournament Saturday night, beating rival Robert Louis Stevenson 49-39 and placing three Padres on the all-tournament team.

Jen Rosenthal, Erin Kraft and Doreen Evans were named to the all-star squad after Carmel put RLS away in the final minute after the Pirates' Claire Huntington fouled out, leaving the inside open. When she left the game, the Padres led by just four points.

The victory gave Carmel a 7-1 mark for the pre-season and established coach Leigh

White's team as a possible favorite to take the Mission Trail Athletic League championship. Last year, Carmel tied for second in the league with a 11-3 mark.

Against RLS, Kraft and guard Chie Ubuara scored 12 apiece, while Rosenthal and Evans chipped in with 11 each.

Carmel advanced to the tournament final by beating Seaside 51-48, again controlling the boards and hitting clutch free throws down the stretch.

In that game, Evans led Padre scorers with 15, Rosenthal had 14 and Kraft added 10.

Sun Holiday Schedule Set

Because of the holidays, the next issue of the *Sun* will be published on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

It will be the last paper of the year because most of the *Sun* staff traditionally takes the week off between Christmas and New Years.

The first edition of 1993 will be published Thursday, Jan. 7. The deadline for it is Thursday, Dec. 31.

The *Sun* office will close at noon Thursday, Dec. 24 and reopen Monday, Dec. 28. It also will close at noon on Dec. 31 and resume normal hours Monday, Jan. 4.

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A capital gains reduction will also reappear. The general consensus is that it will apply only to investment proceeds from the eventual sale of new, start up type ventures.

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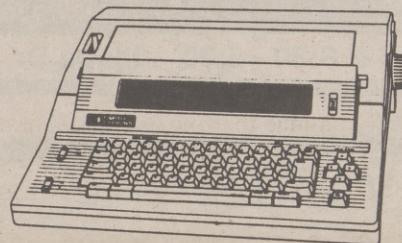
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VANESSA SPARLING, a freshman at Carmel High School, kept the audience laughing with her portrayal of Mrs. San Francisco in the school's recent production, Mrs. California. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

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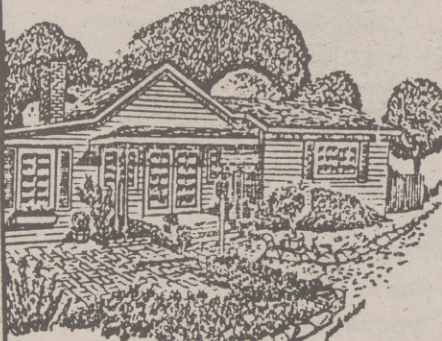
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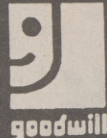
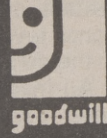
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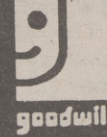
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Council Says D'Isidoro Must Pay for Undergrounding Work

Despite an admission that the city dropped the ball in failing to create an underground assessment district for Robert D'Isidoro's property at Fourth and Mission, the City Council voted 3-2 to make him pay an assessment of \$24,300.

D'Isidoro, a trial attorney, pleaded his own case before the council, contending that he and his partners had reasonably expected to receive notice of the formation of an assessment district and would pay their fair share for undergrounding utilities once it was legally established. Their building houses offices on the ground floor, including those of the *Pine Cone*, and apartments above.

D'Isidoro said he received a bill from Public Works Director Jim Cullem in September for work done down the center of Fourth Avenue on the northern boundary of his building. To his surprise and that of his neighbors, D'Isidoro said he was the only property owner to receive a bill.

And, contrary to his expectations, D'Isidoro said no utility poles came down and two new ones were erected. He said he and his partners paid to underground utilities on their property in 1989 and signed a No Protest Agreement as to future work that was required by the Planning Department before they were given an occupancy permit.

As D'Isidoro interpreted the No Protest Agreement, he concluded that they would not be obligated to pay for further undergrounding unless and until the council formed an assessment district.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbara Brooks, the council voted 3-2 to make him pay based on a legal opinion by Michael Stamp who does legal work for the city. City Attorney Don Freeman, who had been absent due to an illness, told the council, "You're going to have to go with Mr. Stamp's legal opinion on this." He pointed out that D'Isidoro was not objecting to his legal obligation to pay for undergrounding but that he didn't receive due process because the assessment district was never formed.

In March, the previous City Council approved three separate resolutions creating one large central underground utility district and two other small districts; District 2 included the D'Isidoro property and District 3 a condominium/apartment project proposed by Robert Murphy.

The aim was to underground all utility lines in the viewshed of the city's park/parking lot, Vista Lobos. Last December, the city had approved a draw-down of \$128,000 from the so-called "Rule 20A" account in which it accrues funds through a Public Utilities Commission program that can be spent on undergrounding projects after formation of underground districts. This money has been used in the past to underground most of the poles and wires in the center of the commercial district.

In the event of possible litigation, D'Isidoro said he wanted the council to know that half of the information he had delivered to the city in nine packages—such as a description of the actions in December and March—had been left out of the city packets that are available for the public to examine.

Mayor Ken White assured him that the council members had each received his full material in their mailboxes.

"I have a sinking feeling that the city dropped the ball somewhere but I'm not exactly sure where," White said. "The attorney has suggested in his letter that we can go ahead and vote on this in support of the city position. But I think we had better learn to be very careful. It's my gut feeling. I just don't feel good about this."

"The ball got dropped on my part by not including when we formed the district by bringing to the council formation of a district," Cullem admitted. "I apologize. All the dollars will have to be in the bank for future undergrounding."

Brooks asked him if the additional

utility poles erected "will be there forever?" "No," Cullem said. "The poles were necessary to get the lines out of the undergrounding district. Those will be removed when we proceed with undergrounding districts. If this council elects to proceed with an undergrounding district on San Carlos, then they will come down in the next year or two years."

"I'm being billed for 360 lineal feet even though not all of it is within that district," D'Isidoro complained. "In fact it's in no underground district and moreover the liens and poles aren't coming down."

"I'm asking you to take a look at how the city went about doing what they're doing today and I'm suggesting to you that it is an abrogation of due process and a breach of the city's agreement with me not vice versa."

Councilman Bob Fischer asked Cullem if D'Isidoro was the only one that to pay in the area. Cullem said Robert Murphy who has applied for a condominium/apartment project on Junipero north of Fourth Avenue had been assessed but that he was in a different district.

D'Isidoro contended that the city was counting on \$40,000 from Murphy and misled him into believing that he would not have to pay until the other districts were set up.

"I urge you to take a walk up there and see what's going on because we're not beautifying the area to the extent that we should. The districts should be formed so as to take out the overhead tangle. Inexplicably they actually added poles. Two additional poles have been added to blight the viewshed of my property and others on Mission Street."

"Right now we have an open bill and if nobody else pays for it the city will pay for it out of one of our accounts," Cullem said.

"He has to pay a portion of the assessment yet there is no assessment district formed so how can he know what portion of what assessment he has to pay?" asked Fischer. "It doesn't make sense to me."

"I can't visualize it," said Councilman Phil Coniglio. "I'd like to go and take a look."

"It looks like the city's not shown good faith," Fischer added. "I don't like it."

Shipnuck Announces

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Shipnuck, 50, was first elected to the board 14 years ago. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she has a masters degree in teaching from Harvard University. She chairs a National Association of Counties Task Force to promote the county role in health system reform this year. She also is president of the County Supervisors Association of California and serves, or has served, on a variety of state and national governmental groups.

Prior to running for election in 1979, Shipnuck was a social studies teacher at North Salinas High School. Before moving to Salinas, she taught at Columbia Preparatory school in New York.

Sylvia Panetta, who has run her husband's district offices during his 16 years in congress without pay, said she was not prepared to make the commitment to serve at this stage of her life.

The primary election could take place in April and a runoff vote, if necessary, in June depending on the date Panetta resigns.

With the powerful Panetta out of the picture, a flock of politicians has indicated interest in the job. On the Democratic side, Shipnuck could be joined by Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, Assemblymen San Farr and Rusty Areias and Supervisor Gary Patton from Santa Cruz.

Republican Bill McCampbell, defeated last month by Panetta, said he has never stopped running. Others could be Carol Hallett, Director of U.S. Customs, First District Supervisor Judy Pennycook and former Pacific Grove Councilwoman Susan Whitman.



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Cachagua Fire District Wins First Hurdle

By Carolyn Rice

A Cachagua residents' drive to form their own fire district crossed a hurdle Tuesday night when the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) voted unanimously for approval.

Now the district's formation will go to the Board of Supervisors in January for approval and then to a vote of the residents in a special election May 12. The area would serve some 900 people in a 100-square mile area.

Jim Cook, LAFCO executive officer, called the new district the "third largest in Monterey County with the lowest revenue of any fire district in the County." He recommended three areas be excluded from the fire district to make it more manageable.

But, after hearing testimony from 14 of the 43 citizens who attended the hearing, the LAFCO Commission kept two of the areas within the fire district boundaries and recommended service for the third area be negotiated once the new Cachagua district is in place.

Nancy Lambert, president of the Cachagua Property Owners Association, said that organization did not favor excluding any of the three areas. The calls would most likely be answered by Cachagua volunteers, and she said the district really needed the \$3,000 to \$4,000 revenue the areas would generate.

The area where fire service will be decided in the future is 3,050 acres about five miles from Carmel Valley Village just beyond Sleepy Hollow on the north and south sides of Carmel Valley Road. It has 27 parcels, including residential development and vacant property. Cook said the area designated Area C would generate \$1,584 in revenue for the Cachagua district.

The other two areas Cook recommended be excluded from the district were Area A—14,600 acres of Los Padres National Forest wildlands with few structures—and Area B, another mainly wildlands area of 14,700 acres and 38 structures. The Los Padres area would generate just \$480 annually in revenue, Cook said, while the other area would raise about \$1,584.

Craig Anthony, chief ranger for the California Department of Forestry (CDF) which serves this area now, encouraged the commission to include the wildlands areas in the new Cachagua district. He said CDF has personnel at the Tularcitos station in the summer, but not at other times of the year, to respond in those areas. He said, "It puts CDF in a difficult situation by not placing the boundaries where Cachagua set them."

The Carmel Valley Fire Department (CVFD) Board held a special meeting Monday night on the issue, and passed a resolution supporting the formation of the

new Cachagua district and its boundaries.

But CVFD Chief Bills Sims said that while the loss of revenue by excluding any of the areas might be critical to the new district, he thought some property owners had some concerns about travel distance and their property insurance rates. The property owners in Area C could receive some insurance advantages by being affiliated with CVFD, he said.

Kent Henecks, manager of Rana Creek ranch, said part of his ranch lies in Area B. He said he and other ranchers who would also be excluded would like to see the acreage left in the Cachagua district because "It's easier to do it by property taxes than to buy 1,500 raffle tickets a year," a reference to fund-raising over the years by Cachagua volunteers.

Two other options exist for fire service in the Cachagua area. It could be annexed to the Carmel Valley Fire Department (CVFD) or join County Service Area (CSA) 61 which serves King City and Arroyo Seco.

Cachagua residents have said throughout the signature gathering process they want to govern their fire service. The new district would be governed by a three-person local board.

Cook has pointed out during recent months that the area would receive more revenue if it joined with CVFD or CSA 61 as it would be able to receive \$19,109 in Special District Augmentation Funds (SDAF). State laws excludes these funds from districts formed after Jan. 1, 1991.

With a benefit assessment district, Cook said the Cachagua Fire District will have a total annual revenue of \$44,244. Parcel owners would be charged \$48 a unit and homeowners \$96.

By joining with CVFD it would have \$62,653 in revenue with a possibility of \$30,891 more in SDAF for which which Sims said he was negotiating. The CSA 61 alliance would provide \$58,153 in revenue, Cook said.

New Map Proposed

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a preference, has set the standard. "That is the criteria by which the court will be measuring," he said. "The Department of Justice will pay attention to the court's expressed preference of the September plan and will use that plan as a basis of comparison."

The September plan also keeps Seaside and Marina together within a district. "If anything but the Avila plan is adopted a motion for an injunction will be filed," McDermott said. He said all other plans discriminate against Hispanics, Blacks and Asians.

Flippo questioned the county's Los Angeles attorney, Lee Blackman, on what percentage of Hispanic population is needed in an Hispanic majority district to be acceptable to the court. "We are being driven by percentages and I want to understand the mandate for it," Flippo said.

"It is a shame the law doesn't tell us the answer to that question," Blackman responded. "If we knew, we would have been done many months ago."

Flippo cited a case where a 56 percent majority was considered acceptable, but said 65 percent has been a commonly accepted percentage with black populations in the South.

He also asked Blackman if the county was obliged to create two super majority districts. Blackman said, "No it's not illegal to draw one Hispanic majority. But might we be sued?" he asked. "Yes. And might you lose? Yes," he said.

Daniels said in Monterey County, "You can't create two super majority districts" and satisfy other groups' interests. He presented a newly-modified H-4 map which raised Hispanics majorities to 66 and 54.2 percent.

Seaside Mayor Lance McClair asked the commission to turn the redistricting problem back over to the supervisors. Avila also has objected to the commission's formation.



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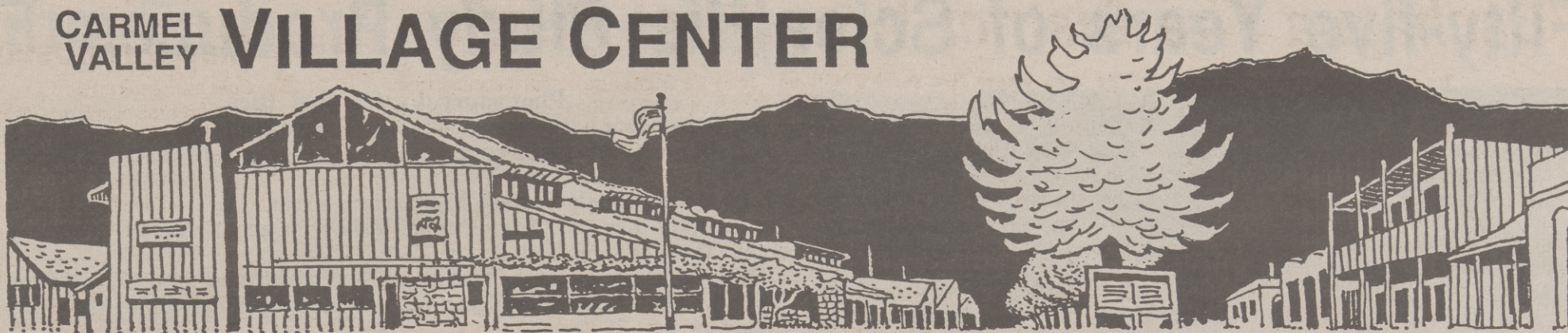
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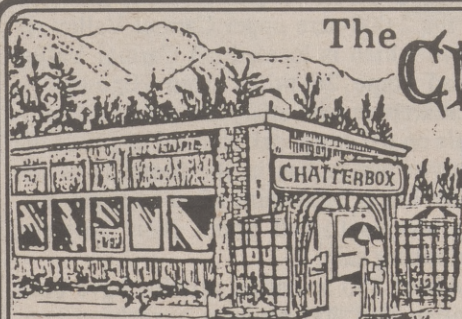
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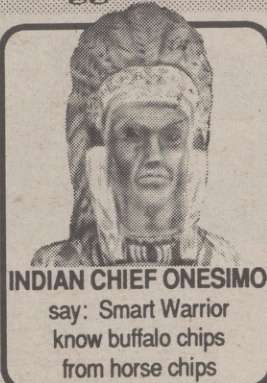


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MOUNTAIN LION NUMBERS have grown in recent years on the Hastings Reservation. Researchers working on the preserve frequently see the animals. Photo courtesy of Wild Animals of North America, Maurice G. Hornocker

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- Western fence lizards sometimes fall out of oak trees.
- Teenage woodpeckers congregate for large gang fights to establish new territory.
- Each scrubjay plants about 5,000 acorns a year.
- Magpies disappear from Carmel Valley for about a month after they breed. Then the same birds return.

These are just a few of the fascinating facts which have been gleaned from Hastings Natural History Reservation studies by hundreds of scientists during the past 55 years.

Mark Stromberg is resident manager of the 2,000-acre upper Carmel Valley reserve which is located off Carmel Valley Road some 26 miles from Highway 1. Researchers who study the plants and animals on the steep, oak studded slopes of the reserve which lies in the foothills of the Santa Lucia Mountains often have interesting stories to tell about their projects, Stromberg said.

About 350 scientific articles have been written and 400 projects have been conducted since the reserve was established in 1937 as part of the University of California Berkeley's Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, he said.

Much of the preserve land is on 30 percent slope and is covered with blue oak and valley oak woodlands. It has a maple forest and riparian areas, Stromberg said. The quiet is pervasive.

On a recent sunny afternoon, the only sounds to be heard were a jogger's footsteps as he ran on a road about one-half mile away, the cawing of a gang of crows and the sharp chirps of a distant bird which Stromberg identified as a towhee.

The reservation is not open to the public. Stromberg said no hiking trails exist and the lack of restrooms and parking lots preclude the reservation opening for large public gatherings. But each year 6,000 to 10,000 user days are logged by graduate students and scientists who come from near and far to pursue their studies.

Researchers studying oaks trees found out western fence lizards sometimes fall out of the trees. The scientists find them in the tall baskets they've set up to collect falling lichen and acorns. Stromberg said he thinks the lizards which are a scaly gray/brown with bright blue patches on their undersides may be chasing each other or leaping for an insect when they take their falls.

As for the magpies, Stromberg said radio transmitters were attached to them to find out where they go during their month-long hiatus from Carmel Valley. "We lost them at Gilroy," he said, explaining that was the limit of the range of the electronic tracking gear picking up signals from the birds. "We don't have a clue to where they go."

The woodpeckers on the reservation practice infanticide and group sex,

Stromberg said.

"They make Peyton Place look tame." About three sisters will nest with three or four brothers which are unrelated to the sisters. When one of the female birds lays an egg, she will kick out a sister's egg already in the nest, Stromberg said, probably in an effort to produce her own offspring. All the parents help feed the young birds.

Hastings has a freezer which is kept at minus 180 degrees Fahrenheit in which researchers store woodpecker and bluebird blood. Stromberg said DNA fingerprinting using the blood samples can determine who the parents of the offspring are.

At a recent lecture for the Gentrain Society at Monterey Peninsula College, Stromberg was asked why DNA fingerprinting studies of the woodpeckers are being conducted at Hastings.

After a moment of reflection, Stromberg said, "People want a basic understanding of the natural world. It's just a thing they are driven to do."

When the woodpeckers become teenagers they may wander 30 or 40 miles looking for their own territory. Stromberg said he'd had calls from Valley families who had shot woodpeckers which were damaging their homes. Suddenly the situation might become much worse for them with as many as 300 woodpeckers gathering in the area and fighting with each other.

Stromberg said researchers think when these large gatherings occur, a territory may have opened up and the young birds flock to try to gain it for their own.

The reserve land was given to the University of California Berkeley by Frances Simes Hastings. She and her husband, Russell, bought the ranch in 1929 for cattle and horses and provided 16 acres for a boarding school which operated until 1940. The first homesteader on the property was John Scott who built a cabin in 1863. The land changed hands several times before it was purchased by the Hastings.

Today, the Hastings's daughter, Fanny Hastings Arnold, continues to support the reservation and has donated land and scholarships and provided for building restoration work, according to Hastings' officials. Stromberg said Arnold recalls when she lived on the ranch as a girl, she had to



MARK STROMBERG GROWS NATIVE GRASSES and hopes to find ways to restore growth of the perennial grass on local pasture lands. Stromberg, the resident manager of the reservation, kneels in front of the old Scott barn which was built around 1860 and has since been restored.

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Fascinating Facts from Hastings



THE CAHOON RANCH HOUSE built in the early 1900s is one of 28 buildings on the reservation. The preserve is open to scientists who want to conduct research projects there. The reservation is not open to the general public. It

has no walking trails or public facilities as the goal is to keep it in as natural state as possible for use in scientific studies, according to its manager. *Sun photos by Carolyn Rice*

open 31 wire gates when traveling to the Carmel Valley Village.

Much research has been done on the six oak species and four hybrid oaks which grow on the preserve. Jim Griffin, who has worked there since 1969, retired last month but is still finishing details on his projects. From his office window he looks at a valley oak which he estimates to be 300 years old. It towers majestically over the old Scott barn which was built in the 1860s.

Griffin said he has found that valley oaks may produce 300 to 400 seedlings. But then five or six years later, not many have developed into saplings. Deer eat many of the seedlings, Griffin said. Insects also attack the oaks. "If there weren't any insects involved, this would be a jungle of oaks," Griffin said. "The insects probably come with the territory, and the oaks are used to it. But it thins out the amount of oaks."

The population of California oaks has dwindled with urbanization, Griffin said. New subdivisions have wiped out oak forests, and with urbanization, old oaks which remain may die from over-watering. They need to be kept dry during the summer months, Griffin said.

In rural settings, cattle have been hard on the oak trees, he said. If livestock gather

under oaks for long periods of time they will compact the soil underneath the trees, and nitrogen and other needed nutrients do not reach the fine roots which lie six to eight inches below the soil as readily as they should, Griffin said.

"You can plant a tree," Griffin said. "But it won't make a tree like this (gesturing to the massive oak outside his window) in anyone's lifetime."

Even in dry years, the oaks produce massive amounts of acorns but most don't make it to the ground as they are harvested by woodpeckers, bluejays and woodrats, Stromberg said. But the scrubjays each plant about 5,000 a year, and the ones they forget to come back and eat may germinate. "That's primarily the way oaks get started," he said.

Gophers also take a toll on oaks. "Each gopher moves two and one-half tons of dirt a year," Stromberg said. Oaks have a much higher survival rate when grown in an area which gophers cannot invade. But to create a gopher free test plot researchers had to dig a deep trench and then line it with mesh wire fence to restrict the area from the tenacious animals.

The reservation is home to a diversity of plant and animals with 620 vascular plants, 258 lichens and mosses, nine amphibians,

18 reptiles, 166 birds—50 percent which nest there—and 46 mammals.

Stromberg said the introduced wild pig population has dwindled in the past three or four years probably due to the drought, and the mountain lion population has increased. "I think they found they could do pretty well on pigs," he said.

Brad Shaffer, a U.C. Davis zoology professor, is on a six month sabbatical to study the California tiger salamander. The salamander is a state designated species of special concern and a candidate for the federal endangered species list. Little is known about the salamander's habits, Shaffer said. He hopes to obtain information which can help with the creature's survival.

Shaffer uses two vernal (winter) ponds located on the adjoining Oak Ridge

Ranch for his project. Shaffer captures the creatures with traps which the salamanders fall into on the way to the pool. He then places them in a little case and makes a picture of their undersides in a copy machine so they can be identified upon recapture. Researchers found the salamanders could easily squirm out of the little vests they tried to tag them with and quickly grew back toes which were clipped as an identification measure. But their spots are unique to each individual, and Walt Koenig, a Hastings researcher, hit upon the photocopy method of identification.

Shaffer said preliminary results on the species' genetics indicate that salamanders commonly migrate between ponds which would point to the need for maintaining several ponds rather than just one.

"We don't know much about them," Stromberg said. "Can an adult wiggle one-half mile a night or three-fourth of a mile? We just don't know."

Stromberg said nearby Carmel Valley ranches have been very generous in making their lands available for research projects. "We have a good relationship with Rana Creek, Oak Ridge and Carmel Ranch Company," he said.

Stromberg has conducted grassland studies on 80 sites on Hastings and nearby ranches. Native grass accounts for only 1 to 5 percent of the grass which currently grows in Carmel Valley, Stromberg said.

He has harvested native grass seed and turned it over to Paul Kephart, a grassland ecologist who works at David Packard's ranch at Elkhorn Slough. Kephart grows the Carmel Valley seed, and Stromberg is trying to learn how to reintroduce the native perennial bunch grasses back into the Valley.

He has planted it with tractors and also fed native grass hay to cattle who scatter it with their feces. Fifteen native grasses are indigent to the area, Stromberg said. He is working with six species.

Almost all the annuals which pervade California grasslands are annuals which came here from Spain, he said. Stromberg said California will never be able to get the majority of its grasslands back into native grass. "But if we can get 30 to 40 percent of the land back into native bunch grass, well be making some progress," he said.



BRAD SHAFFER INSPECTS a California tiger salamander, a dwindling species which lives on the reservation. Shaffer has taken a six month leave from the University of California Davis to try to learn more about the little known creature.

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BRUSHSTROKES

By Anita DeCarlo

The Best of Sharlotte Broudy Is at MPMOA

Sharlotte Broudy's work is on display in the Entry Gallery and Squeak Carnwath's recent works are in the Coburn Gallery, side by side in the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art. Go see them. There is a lesson to be learned here.

What makes paintings endure? Certainly each era produces "contemporary" art for its time and, among the artistic output of each generation, some endures. Why is the work of Sharlotte Broudy more enduring than Squeak Carnwath's? Carnwath is purported to be "celebrated" and her work is on view in Bay area Galleries. Broudy, crippled all her life with a debilitating form of arthritis, began to paint late in life and died too soon last year of Aids.

When I reviewed the collection of her work gathered for auction last February, few had ever heard of her. I doubt few out of the immediate area know of her now. She is not "celebrated." Neither are her paintings quite like anyone else's. Unique in their identity, they share aesthetic universals with all those enduring artists: abstraction of shape and color, principles underlying message. They have integrity.

There isn't integrity if the artistic production is premeditated to match current concept. I have seen far too much of the hieroglyphic "subconscious" display represented by Carnwath's paintings. I won't say that Carnwath hasn't basic artistic skill—design is all too there and all there is. Obvious design tricks like negative/positive reversals, a bed against a black wall/a bed against a white wall. Writing as a texture element is another overused design trick. Hieroglyphics are already overdone and easily old. I find her work glib and superficial.

The small selection here of Broudy's work acquired by the Museum at the time of the auction is the cream of the crop. This small group of faces and figures reveals a clarity of purpose, a consistency of passion and integrity. Standing among these paintings one feels the concentration of her artistic drive.

Where Carnwath is glib, Broudy is in-

tense and deeply inward. Carnwath's design is superficial; Broudy's subtle shapes and colors divide the rectangle into complex abstractions of space suggesting movement and time. Broudy is a superb colorist and Carnwath avoids the intricacies of color all together.

There is nothing tried and true about these paintings. There is the sense of growth, of a continuum of pulling from the inside depths of personal understanding of visual organization of the world as a means of greater expression in terms of humanity. Visual dynamics and creative expression work consistently together to produce her unique "message."

Try to separate the subtlety of the color activity from the image. In one sense it is the image but perceive it as an abstraction for a moment: the "Untitled" depicting a standing girl in long gray skirt and red camisole—the gray of the skirt vibrates against the gray-green background creating motion and depth, the small red shape glows; the "Face of a Woman" in warm glows of oranges, peaches and reds melting across facial boundaries—greens and blues of the right side of the painting tied to the left with hints of cool tones among the warm; "Down the Street We Go," a perfect balance of interlocking green and red shapes only incidentally figures in a street scene.

Let's talk about the way she distributes shapes. Her paintings are abstractions of shapes that take form in the creative process. Like clouds becoming familiar, her figures are often organic shapes cornered within rectangles. In one a woman's head and shoulders are a creamy gold opacity in a black rectangle. The black extends an off shoot rectangle up the left side of the painting for no other reason than that is the correct aesthetic piece to complete the puzzle.

In another a small half figure is woven into the corner of a tapestry of bright teal and muted red-violet. Two figures in a third, the black shape of a man in the foreground separated from the woman by the diagonal shape of a table. The blue shape of the negative encapsulates them. A soft-edged violet bands the top edge. Puzzle pieces completing a unique whole.

The painting of "The White Wool Jacket" is commanding in its imagery, a full figure of a woman filling the rectangle. But its beauty is in its exquisite placement of shape and utter subtlety of color. The



"UNTITLED" by Sharlotte Broudy whose works are on display at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.

left side is a blue-violet band forcing the figure to move right. Both her long skirt and jacket are white and comprise the largest shapes in the painting but there is such a delicate difference in shading: the coat glows warm, the skirt cool; the coat is a restful shape, the skirt textured.

Broudy has a passion for color and dynamics! She plays with the nearness of colors. There are incredible color tones in "Standing Woman," the woman's hair a

bright cold red against the warm red of the dress and muted cold red of the negative. The blue halo creates movement.

Is her subject color? The transformation of color into space and energy? Is the human form an excuse for color only? I think not. Color becomes human energy, becomes passion and pathos, becomes a synchronization of aesthetic and human universalities.

Fires Damage Two Carmel Area Homes

While cozy when the cold wind blows, indoor fireplaces hold the potential for a lot of trouble, two Carmel area homeowners learned Sunday.

A fire that started in a chimney caused an estimated \$50,000 damage to a home on Mentone Drive in Carmel Highlands, the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department reported.

Capt. Rick Scott said the blaze started in a buildup of soot in the chimney. Some 20 firemen brought the blaze under control,

but it damaged a bedroom and the kitchen.

About an hour later, the carport at a home in Carmel at Santa Rita and Fourth was destroyed by a blaze that began when still-live fireplace ashes were put in a cardboard box and set near firewood by the carport.

A report by the Carmel Fire Department set the damages in that blaze at about \$10,000.

No injuries were reported in either blaze.

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White Will Be a Bell-ringer

Mayor Ken White will don a Santa Claus hat and be a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army Dec. 23 and 24.

White said he had been assigned the Carmel Post Office shift from 10 a.m. to noon both days. His goal is to attract the most donations of the season during his shift.

The need is greater than ever," he said. "And, although the Salvation Army has a heart of gold, its purse needs some refilling this year."

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SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION, three World War II-era cottages at Mission Ranch were moved instead to a new site near Valley Hills in Carmel Valley where they will be recycled. The last one to be moved, above, was made ready to leave the historic ranch Monday morning.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Mission Ranch Cottages Get a New Life

Three little white cottages built during World War II at Mission Ranch have been saved from demolition to be recycled in Carmel Valley.

Alan Williams, president of Carmel Development Co. which is remodeling the resort for owner Clint Eastwood, got approval from the county Planning Department to move the cottages. "If a building can have a second life that's better than tearing it down," he said.

Williams has two applications pending for the cottages on the land rented by Earthbound Farms on the south side of Carmel Valley Road east of Valley Oaks. He said one would allow them to be used for market space. A second application requests that they be allowed to be remodeled into on-site employee units for the caretaker and field manager of the 46-acre farm which is operated by Drew and Myrna Goodman.

Water Board Gets Citizens' Advice

Continued from page 3

group and said the committee also recommended doing away with the appointment of representatives of area mayors and a member of the Board of Supervisors to the water district board.

The three different district maps offered by the group differed mainly in how they treated Seaside, Marina and Fort Ord.

The board scheduled a study session for Feb. 8 on the voter district report, with action set for the March 1 directors meeting. Under the present planning, the first election of three directors by district would occur Nov. 11, with the other two district seats being filled in 1995.

As for the financing recommendations, the board set Jan. 28 for a public hearing and appointment of a committee of its members to develop an ordinance. The ordinance would be considered Feb. 22, with final approval scheduled for March 15, with the ordinance becoming effective May 1.

The group recommended that only 180 acre feet of water a year would be allowed for new connections.

One recommendation that surely will prove controversial is the finance group's proposal that water be allocated from any new projects solely on a first-come, first-serve.

During a break in Monday night's meeting, Director Fran Farina told the *Sun* she could not support it, preferring to have the board continue to allocate supplies between the various jurisdictions.

Without an allocation plan, she said one area could rush in and use up all the water, leaving none for the others and creating growth that would outstrip the area's infrastructure planning.

Director David Pendergrass, the mayor of Del Rey Oaks, made the same point in board discussion, saying a first-come, first-serve dispensing of the water would lead to possible "inequities." But he also said it would tend to take the board out of land use decisions and leave those up to the jurisdictions.

A group led by William Woodworth, a Pacific Grove water activist, filed a minority report to the voter district recommendations. In it and in later conversation with the *Sun*, Woodworth suggested that the three-member minority was looking at redrawing the present water district's bound-

aries to cover only Carmel Valley, but take in all of 20,000 acre Rancho San Carlos.

At the same time, he suggested that a new water management district could be created to serve Seaside, Marina and Fort Ord.

"No water service has ever been provided to Fort Ord...The (water management district) has no capital project in their mid and long term plans to provide any such services to Fort Ord," Woodworth wrote in his minority report of the 26,000 acre base. Soldiers stationed there will begin leaving for their new home at Fort Lewis, Wash., next year.



CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS modeled after an historic old Carmel milk shrine are being sold this year to raise money for the First Murphy House. The handpainted ornaments replicate the shrine which sits in front of the house built by M.J. Murphy. It once belonged to Mrs. Ella Reid Harrison who gave the funds to found the main Carmel library. Volunteers at the First Murphy are holding an afternoon tea and open house for the community from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday. Everyone is invited. *Historic photo by L. S. Slavin*



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Courtyard Becomes Morgan Court

A couple who honeymooned at the Pine Inn in Carmel in 1945 realized a dream Saturday when they celebrated naming one of the city's unique courtyards after themselves.

Rose and Ralph Morgan of Castro Valley and Reno, Nev., bought Bonnymeade Court about three years ago from Orval Meade who 14 years earlier built the English Tudor courtyard on the east side of Lincoln between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. Meade named it for his wife, "Bonny."

"If I ever buy the place, I'm going to name it after myself," Rose Morgan said her husband told her. They had owned the Oriental-style house at San Antonio

and 13th for about eight years when they decided to sell it and buy the commercial building where they have an apartment overlooking the length of the courtyard.

One of their apartment tenants is Jack Kennedy, chairman of the Planning Commission, and his wife. There are seven commercial tenants which Morgan said "are just like a big family."

They include Sally's Boutique, Profiles Hair & Nail Studio, Crossbow Antiques, the Emy Ledbetter Gallery, Robin Woolard goldsmith, G.H. Rothe Gallery and Carmel-by-the-Sea Properties.



MIKE

By Mike Gorczyca

Welcome back to Fun-by-the-Sea. Here's what's happening in the Carmel-by-the-Sea Recreation Department, at Vista Lobos on Torres Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue in Carmel. For more information about any of the following events, please call us at 626-1255.

JAZZ SERIES. Jazz is alive at J.O.'s Lumberyard Room at vista Lobos located on Torres Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue in Carmel. The first and third Thursday of each month at 7 to 9 p.m. Nick Williams' music presents a variety of jazz with special guests and there is no admission fee. Come join the fun of this musical event and bring a friend. Seating is limited and informal so it's a good idea to arrive early. Our next Jazz Night is set for Dec. 17. For more information call 626-1255.

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DISCOVERING ART HISTORY. This class is designed to give the student a basic knowledge of the Paintings of Western Civilization from the Early Renaissance to the present. This class can also be useful to those who have had some art history before and who wish to refresh their understanding. We will be examining each major art movement from the historian's perspective as well as from the artist's point of view. We will be looking at a variety of slides so that we can put painters in their proper historical context and see how the elements of painting have evolved through the last 500 years. We hope to have lively discussions and lots of questions. Binders and class notes will be provided for each student. The class will be taught by Tory Raggett and Folbes Keaton on Wednesday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. starting Jan. 27 through March 31. This class costs \$125 per person. Call 626-1255.

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Merry Christmas! See you in two weeks.

City Buildings Closed at Holiday

Sunset Center advised that its galleries and offices will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 3.

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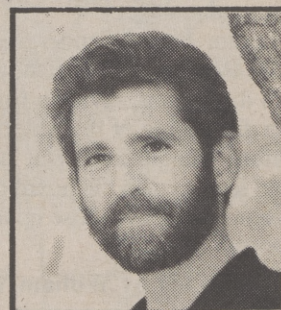
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OUT AND ABOUT

By Isabelle Hall

Whoever coined the old adage, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" didn't know what he was talking about. It's not in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations* so I don't know who said it. But I do know of so many people you might say were getting a bit long in the tooth who have taught themselves all kinds of new tricks that make the statement patently false.

The other day I received in the mail an exquisite gold bracelet inset with an oval of malachite, a gift from my friend, Dorothy Fantle in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. It is both beautifully designed, with an elegant simplicity, and made with the care of an artisan.

At the age of 73, Dorothy created this objet d'art a few months after enrolling in classes to learn the art of jewelry-making. It is not totally surprising to me that she would learn to do this. Through the years, this little woman with the inquiring mind learned enough about conducting to be allowed to conduct the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, became a bridge master many times over, taught herself to handicap the horses, delved into photography and to this day learns about every new hi-tech invention that comes on the market.

My friend, Luciana Young, who speaks five Chinese dialects, was a real estate saleswoman back in Michigan with me, and went on to become a successful consultant to American businesses wanting to enter China when it first opened to trade in the Nixon era.

After years of conducting bilingual negotiations, she and her husband retired to Carmel where she promptly took lessons at the age of 61 to learn how to swim. She went from being scared to death of the water to be able to swim laps with confidence, having mastered four different strokes. Her restless mind is never still and she fills many hours taking classes in history.

She is a walking encyclopedia of ancient sayings such as, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," but she will always be able to find an opposite such as, "You're never too old to learn."

Before we bought the *Sun*, I met some interesting people in Anita DeCarlo's art classes at Sunset Center, people who had varied careers totally unrelated to the painting they had come to learn to do.

I shall never forget Dr. Phil Bleicher, a dentist, whose paintings today sell like hotcakes, and Dr. William Light, a general practitioner, and his wife, Joanne, both of whom have become ac-

complished painters. Luciana's husband, Art, trained as an engineer, was another classmate who took up painting after ending his business career. He has begun traveling to classes in other areas to broaden his artistic vision.

Among the dropouts like me who changed direction, at least for a while, was Carmel City Councilwoman Barbara Brooks, a retired school teacher who went into politics.

You could argue that anyone can take classes, learn art forms or go into politics without necessarily learning "new tricks." But such an argument could reflect the idea that the mind somehow gets old and stale like our all-too mortal bodies and can't absorb any more. I think that is wrong.

For example, there is Rosa Loesch, a watercolorist, who, at 95, still paints a powerful picture several days a week. No one could say her mind is not still learning and absorbing.

It is unfortunate that somewhere along the line, the corporate structure decreed that men—virtually all corporate executives were men until recently—needed to be retired at age 65.

My father, who battled this forced retirement until he was 67, said it was all designed to keep younger men interested by pushing the top executives out so others could take over.

Dad loved to point out the advanced age at which Winston Churchill was elected prime minister of England for the second time, his proof of the value humanity used to place on its elders for their wisdom. How can you achieve wisdom except through experience and age?

It was terrible to see my energetic father relegated to his home by retirement after having headed a big company. For about a year he would still get dressed for work and head downtown just to be there, I think. He continued to go to the Rotary Club meetings in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto to be in the company of his former business associates. He still went on Fridays to the barber in the hotel to get his hair cut as he had done all his working life on Bay Street in the financial district.

My father's life had been baseball, business and his family. He never had any hobbies except playing cards and his old cribbage cronies had died. His business acumen was no longer wanted. He spent his days reading and looking after my mother. I guess he was an old dog that didn't need to learn any new tricks.

Stan's grandfather built a new house at

age 80, showing the kind of optimistic outlook with which he approached life. He always got dressed in his best suit to go to church. He kept his hand in in Elk City, Okla., by having coffee with the "boys" at the local café mornings to keep up on town affairs. They let him pay one day a week or he refused to join them.

Then there was Great Aunt Pearl Menkhe who reluctantly left her job as head nurse in the Emergency Room at Hollywood Receiving Hospital. She managed to stay on until she was 72 when they finally forced her to retire. She was still vital enough to be damn mad about it.

Aunt Pearl—she was Stan's great aunt—moved to a retirement community near Phoenix and spent the next 25 years doing little but listening to the baseball games on the radio as she went blind.

They were but three among hundreds of thousands of senior citizens who still had so much to contribute, but in some cases were limited by today's perception of age from doing so.

In the harsh climate of the Arctic, the aged used to slip away to die when they became unable to hunt and keep up with the family. Some Indian tribes used to abandon the old and weak. But the Chinese revered their elders.

Today, we not only have the mandatory retirement age of 65 years for many people at most places, but huge early retirements by companies cutting their work forces and spilling people in their 50's into the void.

We better change our attitudes about aging. As health care and diet improve, people are living longer and longer. They need to be able to contribute and be useful members of society. I think many of them simply will demand this.



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MORE LETTERS

Bad Poetry—Right Spirit

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and none with a snout.
But what to my wondering eyes should appear
but a daughter and dad
looking for reindeer
And the daughter said "Dad, we
should put the nose here and turn plain deer into
Christmas cheer.
The noses were placed on the
signs that were there
showing the traveler that
some still care.
And over at Caltrans there
arose such a clatter
my dad and I didn't know
what was the matter.

We're not trying to make
this wrong right,
we wish all Christmas spirit
each and every night.

The Christmas Pranksters

The Sun relaxed its rule against unsigned letters when the Christmas pranksters explained that they could get in trouble for decorating the deer crossing signs along Carmel Valley Road.—The Ed.

Get the Bums Off the Streets

Sometime during the night of Thursday, Dec. 10, some thugs broke into the Carmel Red Cross Chapter. After 76 years in existence this is a major tragedy! How can children or people bite the hand that feeds them and helps them in their hour of need? If your children were not at home Thursday night, I hope you will ask them where they were.

With all the problems in this crazy world, it's horrible to think that they now exist in your backyard. We've got a situation now that needs fixing. Let's all work together to get

these bums off the streets, preferably doing homework or sleeping. I worked with the Boys Club of New York City for three years. I know the problems. Help us address them.

Douglas Despard
Carmel Valley

Imagine Carmel Is a Big Bus

Imagine that Carmel-by-the-Sea is a big bus, its assembled citizens occupying the seats. The bus pursues a steady course through scenes of heart-stopping beauty, although there are a few potholes along the way because of a budget squeeze.

A smiling man is at the wheel, and two women and two men occupy the front four seats. At regular intervals, the bus stops. Then the five engage in a serious discussion about the route followed, the steps needed to keep the bus in repair and running, and other subjects. From time to time, citizens seated behind them ask to be recognized and offer suggestions.

Once the bus is rolling, however, a group of a dozen citizens, sitting under a sign, "Troubled Townspeople for Good Bus Driving," erupts in a stream of suggestions. "Don't go too fast," is one call. "Don't go too slow," is another. "Stay to the right, watch out for the potholes," is shouted. A man rises and reads a long message full of figures and cautionary injunctions.

Suddenly, a small, gray-haired woman with a commanding presence rises and goes to the head of the bus. Signaling for silence, she points to a sign and reads it aloud: "Attention. Do not speak to operator while the bus is in motion."

The woman adds these words: "Come on, folks, these people in the front were elected by a vote of all the citizens to drive the bus. There won't be another election for 15 months, why start the campaign now? Please give them a chance to concentrate on the job we've given them. Hectoring is not helpful."

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Howard Skidmore
Carmel

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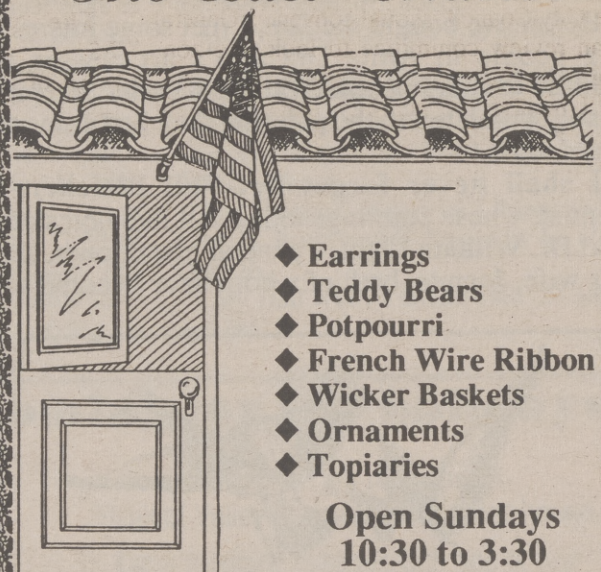
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Eisner Predicts Zoning Victory

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an election.

Given the time periods set under the election laws, Brehmer estimated that if the petitions are gathered and validated and the council votes for an election, it would have to be a special election held probably in May at a cost to the city of at least \$10,000.

After urging the council to call an election before taking a final vote Dec. 7, Eisner said he would meet with a group and decide on circulating a petition. He would not disclose the names of the group members then or during an interview but said they were not connected with the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), whose members initially opposed zoning changes when they were first recommended for study more than two years ago.

"It's not germane" who they are, he said. "People call me every day to give support, interested citizens who were appalled at what the council did."

Howard Skidmore, a CRA director, said, "It certainly wasn't a CRA effort" as the board had never formally discussed it. "I wouldn't support it personally," he said.

Linda Anderson, another CRA director who had called for an election several months ago, said, "I haven't signed the petition. I'm concerned that the community isn't ready for another fight. The community needs to rest." She also said, "The CRA isn't involved in it whatsoever."

"I've been very close to the political situation in Carmel for a long time. I think you have to look at where the impetus for the zoning changes came from," said Eisner, who until 1982 was the owner of the *Pine Cone*.

"People who live in Carmel were not clamoring for more tourist shops," he said. "We will get more tourist shops. I would like to see zoning left alone."

He said he thinks the move to Seventh Avenue "is just the beginning of piecemeal rezoning to allow more tourist uses."

Asked what he would recommend, he said the City Council should convene a General Plan review committee to look into zoning.

"I believe the hearings that were held were a charade because of the character of the people on the Planning Commission who were real estate people, architects. Most of the people on the Planning Commission are involved in real estate. They had their agenda."

"If a General Plan Committee were established, the findings would be different. It ought to be studied by the Planning Commission which should be in charge of the General Plan review committee. If it is convened, they would be studying a lot of impacts of traffic and circulation. When things are done by piecemeal rezoning, it is to avoid the necessity of an environmental impact report."

Eisner said the vote was "contrary to the wishes of the people who live in Carmel" based on a questionnaire that was done in 1984 when the commercial zone was changed. He said people "wanted the size of the commercial zone reduced. I don't believe that sentiment has changed. People are worried they're losing the residential charm. We're confident we're tuned in to what the people want."

Brehmer explained that she has to get a certified list of the actual number of voters from the County Elections Board to determine the number of signatures required on a petition. If a petition is turned in to her by 5 p.m. Jan. 7, she said she then has 30 days in which to certify that it contains the required number of voters and that they are valid.

Once the Elections Board has certified the petition, she must report it to the council at its next regular meeting, likely Feb. 2. The council, she said, then has the option of repealing the ordinance or calling a special election which must be held in no less than 88 days and no more than 102 days.

The only regular election in which such a referendum could be consolidated is in June and given the time requirements, Brehmer

said a Carmel election would fall short by about two weeks if the petition were presented Jan. 7. She said it would cost at least \$10,000. The last such special election held in 1991 on the city's floor area ratio cost close to \$12,000.

Seventeen Lots Fall Within New Zoning

Seventeen lots in part of three city blocks in Carmel will have their zoning changed from Service Commercial (SC) to Central Commercial (CC) when Ordinance No. 92-20 takes effect Jan. 7.

According to Planning Department records of the city, the lots are owned by the following interests:

Block 77 between Mission and San Carlos

All of Lots 15, 17, 19, 21 on the northwest corner of Mission and 7th, known as the Court of the Fountains: Leidig/Draper, Carmel.

All of Lots 16 and 18 on the east side of San Carlos known as Carmel Square: Ruthanne H. Kallay, Carmel.

All of Lots 20 and 22 on the northeast corner of San Carlos and 7th: Dale B. and Virginia T. Leidig, Carmel.

Block 76 between San Carlos and Dolores

All of Lot 17 on the west side of San Carlos, known as Vandervort Court: The Vandervort Partnership, Carmel.

All of Lots 19 and 21 on the northwest corner of San Carlos and 7th, known as San Carlos Square: Donald G. Leidig et al, Rancho Palos Verdes.

The west 75 feet of Lots 20 and 22, northeast corner of Dolores and 7th: El Paseo Building, Monterey.

All of Lot 18 on the east side of Dolores, known as Tuck Box Court: Aleen Hillbun, Carmel.

East 25 feet of Lots 20 and 22 on the northeast side of Dolores known as the Court of the Enchanted Oaks: Clayton Pinkerton, Amador City.

The Northwest Corner of Block 75

All of Lot 15 and the north 5.3 feet of Lot 17 (Only the part of Lot 17 is involved in the changed zoning) on the west side of Dolores: WBGL Associates, Carmel.

The south 34.7 feet of Lot 17 on the west side of Dolores: William and Jean Mitchell, Carmel.

All of Lot 19 on the west side of Dolores known as the China Art Center: Joan and Frances Chew, Carmel.

All of Lot 21 on the northwest corner of Dolores and 7th known as the Felice Building: Bonnie Brae Co., c/o Joseph F. Felice, Hollister.

Draft TRO Okayed

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the TRO before the April deadline.

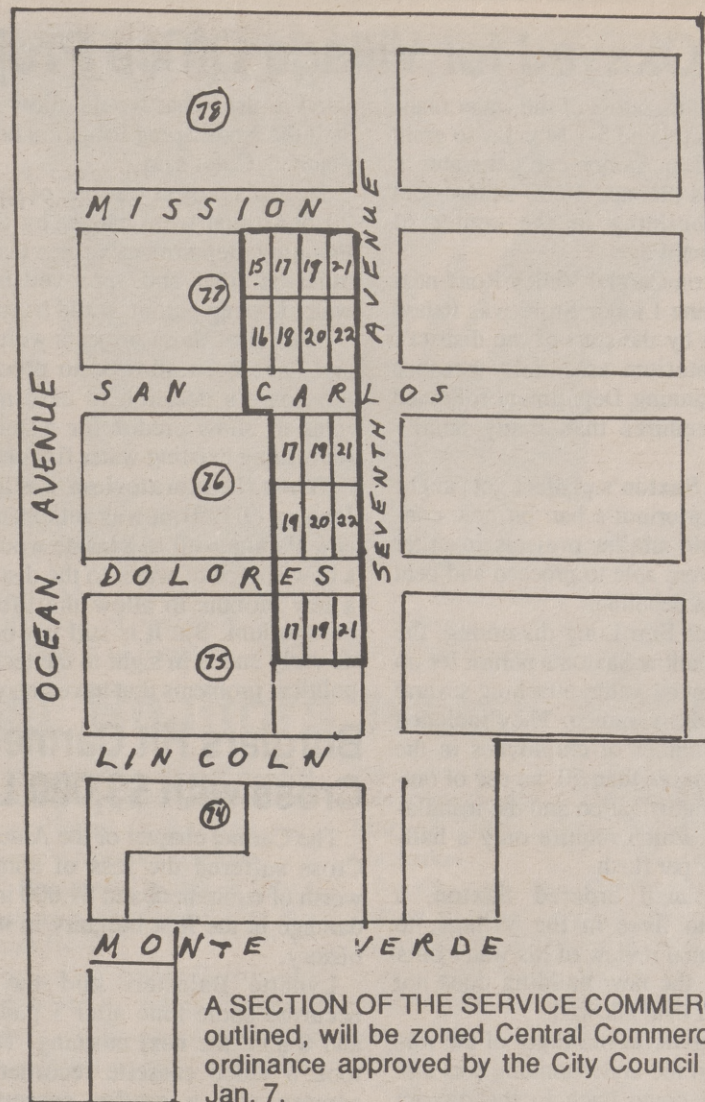
She also noted that the county, with some 3,000 employees, would be subject to the TRO itself.

The other highways in the county for which deficiency plans were approved were: Highway 1 from 156 to the Santa Cruz line, Highway 68 past Community Hospital, Highway 101 from Espinosa to the San Benito County line, Highway 156 from Castroville to Highway 101 and Highway 183 from Castroville to Highway 1.

The interim improvements for congestion relief at the mouth of the Valley include a temporary traffic light at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley road which will be synchronized with lights at Ocean Avenue, Rio Road and Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

At Rio Road, the report said the northbound right turn lane will be lengthened from 200 feet to 800 feet and a raised island will be installed to provide two southbound left turn lanes.

The report added that the county and Caltrans are evaluating a proposed additional left turn lane on Highway 1 southbound to Carmel Valley Road and lengthening the existing left turn lane.



A SECTION OF THE SERVICE COMMERCIAL district, outlined, will be zoned Central Commercial when an ordinance approved by the City Council takes effect Jan. 7.

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Water Okayed for Village Office Project

The board of directors of the water management district voted 5-1 Monday to grant a variance so Dan Saxton can get water to proceed with a planned 6,000-square-foot commercial building in the center of Carmel Valley Village.

The project on Carmel Valley Road next to the Grapevine Liquor Store was halted two years ago by the start of the district's building moratorium essentially because the County Planning Department followed different procedures than many nearby cities.

As a result, Saxton's project got caught up in the moratorium's ban on new construction, while similar projects in other jurisdictions were able to proceed and beat the moratorium deadline.

With director Ken Long dissenting, the board voted to allow Saxton a permit for up to 0.25 acre feet of water, attaching several conditions to the variance. They included limiting the number of employees in the building to no more than 20, no use of outside landscaping irrigation and the installation of toilets which require only a half-gallon of water per flush.

The board also ordered Saxton, a contractor who lives in the Village, to provide an annual review of his water bills to ensure that the new building does not use more water than allowed.

Jim Cofer, general manager of the water district, said the understanding was that Saxton would come back to the district once additional water supplies became available and apply for the 1.34 acre feet of water that the project initially was calcu-

lated to use. That would allow him to install the landscaping irrigation he originally planned, Cofer said.

Saxton's project was one of an estimated 20 or so that were caught by the County Planning Department's rules that all plans must be final and approved before any water hookup permit could be sought.

Several of those projects were remodels and have been allowed to proceed under the board's decision to ease remodeling rules to allow credits for water saved by retrofitting existing water fixtures.

When the moratorium was imposed in January of 1991, it was anticipated that the new Paralta well in Seaside would provide a new source of water to the district within a few months to allow the lifting of the moratorium. But it is still not on line and no early end is in sight to the technical and political problems that have delayed it.

Burglars Hit Carmel Red Cross with \$3,000 Loss

The Carmel chapter of the American Red Cross suffered the loss of some \$2,000 worth of equipment and \$1,000 in property damage in the first burglary in its 76-year history.

Lynette Balesteri said the break-in occurred some time after 5 p.m. Dec. 10 and 8 a.m. the next morning. The thieves took a video cassette recorder, a video camera and a am/fm cassette, but a computer, laser printer and fax machine were ignored. Balesteri said the burglars destroyed locks and doorjams which she estimated will cost \$1,000.



L.R. "BUCK" BEMIS OF CORNISH & CAREY was named Realtor of the Year by his peers at the Carmel Association of Realtors. He was presented with the coveted award by outgoing President Norma D'Isidoro. Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Night Heron Rookery Permit Hearing Continued

The County Planning Commission continued until Feb. 10 consideration of an application to build a home on a Carmel Point lot where black crowned night herons nest in eucalyptus trees that would have to be cut down.

The commission delayed action Wednesday to give architect Ray Parks time to see if he could change the design so that fewer trees would have to be removed.

The planning staff recommended denial of the permit which would require cutting four cypress and 43 eucalyptus on the 6,306-square-foot lot at Ocean View and Stewart.

Judge D. Brooke Bartlett of Kansas City, trustee for the lot, has offered to sell it to the county if it wants to preserve the grove as a rookery for the birds, said to be the only one in Monterey County.

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The Sun makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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3RD AVENUE. Daniel R. Kurtz to Louis P. and Shirley M. Martini. \$255,000.

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24416 SAN MARCOS ROAD. Miriam Schermann-Downie to Robert N. Beck. \$468,000.

27965 DORRIS DRIVE. Lowery B. Roselle to Donald F. and Kathryn D. Leach. \$275,000.

24710 DOLORES STREET. Louis A. and Carmen O. Lee Mendichi to Nancy L. Di-
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1324 LINCOLN AVENUE. Anne D. McGowan to William and Margaret Clark. \$188,000.

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1039 VAQUERO ROAD. Donald H. and Donna M. Brinkman to John Lyon. \$382,500.

3044 VALDEZ ROAD. Shepherd Development Corp. to Clinton and Deborah Howe. \$685,000.

South Coast

AURORA DEL MAR. Harold and Marlene Spitz to William L. and Erma L. Bombeck. \$1,590,000.

Evans Resigns Planning Post

Marit Evans, a 13-year veteran of the County Planning Commission and an outspoken environmentalist, resigned effective Jan. 28.

She gave notice to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, saying she could not continue to vote for additional development in the face of water shortages, traffic congestion and other infrastructure problems.

A resident of Corral de Tierra, Evans' resignation will allow Strasser Kauffman to appoint a replacement for the remainder of her term which expires in January of 1994. Each supervisor gets two appointments to the powerful commission.

Evans said she had waited to resign until a Torro area plan had been approved.

Her friends said another reason for her leaving is that her husband, a retired banking official, has been ill.



STEPHEN POOHAR accepts the gavel at his installation as president of the Carmel Association of Realtors from Ray Spinelli, a former president of the California Association of Realtors. Poohar succeeds Norma D'Isidoro at right.

Carmel Realtors Install Officers

Stephen Poohar of Fox and Carskadon was installed Friday as 1993 president of the Carmel Association of Realtors succeeding Del Monte's Norma D'Isidoro.

L.R. "Buck" Bemis of Cornish & Carey Realtors was named Realtor of the Year at a brunch at Spanish Bay.

Rhenda Miller of Mitchell Group was named president elect while Roberty Wolovsky of Burchell Realty continues in the post of secretary/treasurer of the 350-member board.

1993 directors installed included Lee Canonico of ReMax, Donna Rico of Cornish & Carey, D'Isidoro, Joseph Rouso of Pan-American Real Estate Co., Gene Erner of Porter Marquard, Peter

Salmonsens of Century-21 Allied Associates, Lee Goodenough of the Mitchell Group and Rick Smith of Fox and Carskadon.

Smith won the Nancy Strathmeyer Award for Political Activities. The MLS award for the highest number of total transactions went to Don McLean of Jim Foster Real Estate. The award for highest dollar volume for the year went to Sheila Collins of Del Monte.

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MID CARMEL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8455 CARMEL VALLEY ROAD • CARMEL CA 93923 Ordinance 92-2

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MID CARMEL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REPEALING DISTRICT ORDINANCE 88-1, AND ADOPTING NEW DISTRICT BURN REGULATIONS.

SECTION I. FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District has a unique topographic terrain and a long dry weather season that increases the fire hazard from accumulated vegetating waste material, and
WHEREAS, The Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District's limited manning and resources prevent un-regulated burning; and limited manpower prevents effective patrolling and appropriate regulations of an unlimited number of "backyard burns", and
WHEREAS, the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District has adopted Rules 407, 410 and 422 setting Permissive Burn Season Dates, thereby placing District Ordinance 88-1 in conflict with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District's (MBAPCD) rules and regulations requiring the passage of this Urgency Ordinance.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, by the Board of Directors, that Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District Ordinance 88-1, "establishing District Burn Regulations", is hereby repealed, and the below listed sections are adopted, as follows:

SECTION II. BACKYARD BURNING SEASON

1. Backyard burning will be allowed for not more than a ninety day period within the dates established by the MBAPCD.
2. The dates for Backyard Burning shall be established by resolution of the Board of Directors each year, on or before December 1st, based on the projected weather climate, accumulated vegetating waste material, and existing fire hazards in the District.
3. Burning will be allowed Monday through Saturday on authorized burn days only. Hours of burning will be from 0800 to 1400 daily, with no new fires started after 1300.
4. Not more than ten (10) burns per day within the District will be allowed.

Section III. AGRICULTURAL BURNING SEASON

Permitted Agricultural burning shall be in accordance with the adopted rules of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.

SECTION IV. AUTHORIZED BURN DAYS

1. Burning shall be allowed only on authorized burn days as determined by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, except that burning will not be allowed for seventy two (72) hours after any measurable rainfall as measured at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire District's station.
2. Authorized burn days set by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District will be subject to further restrictions based on local weather conditions as to wind, and other meteorological conditions that in the opinion of the Fire Chief would present a Hazardous Condition.

SECTION V. BURN PERMITS

1. Permits for all types of burning, as outlined in Section II and Section III of this ordinance shall be required. The Fire Chief shall establish and maintain an inspection program to carry out the intent of this ordinance.
2. Burn permits with the exception of "Permitted Agricultural Fires" as set forth in Section III, shall be issued for the season only.
3. Burn permits will be good for a maximum of three (3) burns. The Fire Chief is authorized to increase this maximum number based on his/her determination that special circumstances warrant.
4. Persons burning and not conforming to the Ordinances, Resolutions and Standards of the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District and/or the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District will have their permits canceled for the remainder of the burn season, and may be cited.
5. All material that will be burned shall meet the MBAPCD standards as to the conditions of the material, and types of material. The size of each burn shall not exceed four (4) feet by four (4) feet. All burn material shall meet the standards of the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District as to proper combustion and fire safety measures. Permitted Agriculture Burns as set forth in Section III, are exempt from this subsection as to size, and shall be governed by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District's standards.

SECTION VI. FEES

The Board of Directors shall establish burn permit fees each year as part of the Resolution establishing the Authorized Burn period set forth in Section II. The fees shall apply to all burn permits issued by the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District.

SECTION VII. IMPORTING OF BURN MATERIAL

The importing of material and burning of material from outside the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District is not allowed.

SECTION VIII. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All former ordinances or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance hereby adopted are hereby repealed.

SECTION IX. VALIDITY

The Board of Directors hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Board of Directors that it would have passed all other portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination herefrom of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

SECTION X. DATE OF EFFECT

This Urgency Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval as allowed by law.
PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MID CARMEL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1992, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 1

(s) T. G. Heaston, President
(s) Gerald W. Harner, Vice President
(s) Robert Rice, Secretary
Anne D. McGowan, Director
(s) E. J. Erner, Director

Publish The Weekly Sun 12/17/92.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANNA CHRISTINA LA BORN Filed: November 23, 1992 CASE # MP12320

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ANNA CHRISTINA LA BORN

A PETITION has been filed by WILLIAM JOSEPH LA BORN in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey.

THE PETITION requests that WILLIAM JOSEPH LA BORN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 18, 1992 at 9:30 A.M. in Dept. A located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
Christopher C. Cayce
Harrow and Cayce
2150 Garden Road Suite B-2
Monterey CA 93940

(s) Christopher C. Cayce,
Attorney for Petitioner
This notice was mailed on November 20, 1992, at Monterey California.
Publication Dates: Nov. 25, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 1992 *The Weekly Sun*

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
Filed November 17, 1992
File No. F921880

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE PEOPLE LINK,
AN INTERNATIONAL CO.

1164 Sixth St. #2
Monterey CA 93940
Beverly A. Taylor
Same as above
Linda P. Silva
501 Camino Aguajito #309
Monterey CA 93940

This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/17/92.

(s) Beverly A. Taylor
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original in my office.
ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
Nov. 25, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 1992.
The Weekly Sun.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
Filed November 18, 1992
File No. F921886

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OLD WORLD BAKERS
54 Holman Rd.
PO Box 1026
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Annette M. Pellett
54 Holman Rd.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Roger L. Pellett
54 Holman Rd.
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by a husband and wife
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/18/92.

(s) Annette M. Pellett
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original in my office.
ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
Nov. 25, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 1992.
The Weekly Sun.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
Filed November 30, 1992
File No. F921937

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
A TO Z HANDYMAN/A TO Z LANDSCAPE SVC./WAGNER CONSTRUCTION CO.
93-B Corona Way
Carmel Highlands CA 93921
Robert Wagner Jr.
93-B Corona Way
Carmel Highlands CA 93921

This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/30/92.

(s) Robert Wagner Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original in my office.
ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
Dec. 10, 17, 23, Jan 7, 1993.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
Filed November 30, 1992
File No. F921939

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ELIZABETH'S PET GROOMING
Chambers Lane
Carmel Valley CA 93924
ELIZABETH ANN MCNEELY
Cachagua Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 30, 1992.

(s) Elizabeth McNeely
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original in my office.
ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
Dec. 3, 10, 17, 23, 1992.
The Weekly Sun.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY
Case No. M25406
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CCP1277
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Filed December 10, 1992
Date: January 29, 1993
Time: 9:30 am

KARINA SHERISSE MUNOZ has petitioned to change her name to KARINA SHERISSE LEDBETTER. Persons interested in the above matter shall appear on January 29, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. A Monterey Superior Court.
The Weekly Sun
December 17, 23, January 7, 14, 1993.

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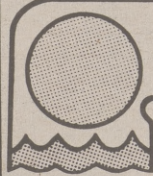
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Santa Claus Flies in to Carmel Valley Village

Photostory by Stan Hall

Under bright, rain-washed skies, Santa Claus officially kicked off the holiday season in Carmel Valley Saturday, flying in to the airport for a parade down Carmel Valley Road to the Community Center where he heard Christmas wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were joined in their sleigh for the parade by John Peter Meckel and Ashley McNeely, Valley youngsters who were chosen for the honor in a Community Center fundraising lottery.

Flying in with Santa and riding in a handsome, horse-drawn coach in the parade was Grand Marshal Don Cummings. Cummings was honored because he piloted the plane for the first fly-in 34 years ago and for many years afterward.

Skip Marquard, who has taken over the piloting chores in recent years, was at the controls of the blue and white Cessna which buzzed the airport once and then landed to the delight of a crowd of children and their parents. They quickly surrounded the plane, and Santa personally wished many of them a happy holiday.

Despite stormy weather during the first part of the week, skies cleared as predicted on Saturday morning and temperatures were crisp but comfortable.

Many dogs joined in the festivities, children rode on their fathers' shoulders to get a better look at Santa and balloons filled the air shimmering in the sunlight.



VALLEY YOUNGSTERS got to pose with Santa at the airport before his parade got underway Saturday. Below

left, a child gets to sit on Santa's knee at the Community Center and tell him what gifts should be left under the tree.



DECKED OUT in a kerchief and hand-made reindeer horns, this little critter joined Brenda Clough Reese on one of the floats in Santa's parade from the airport to the Community Center Saturday.



DONNA HAMILTON of the Iron Kettle Restaurant served goodies such as muffins and home-made jam during the Carmel Valley Artists show Saturday in White Oak Plaza. At left, members of the Carmel Valley History Society enjoy some Christmas cheer at the group's annual party at Rosie's Cracker Barrel. Show are Don Cummings, Maurice Wolfe, Vern Sciocchetti and Lou Allaire.